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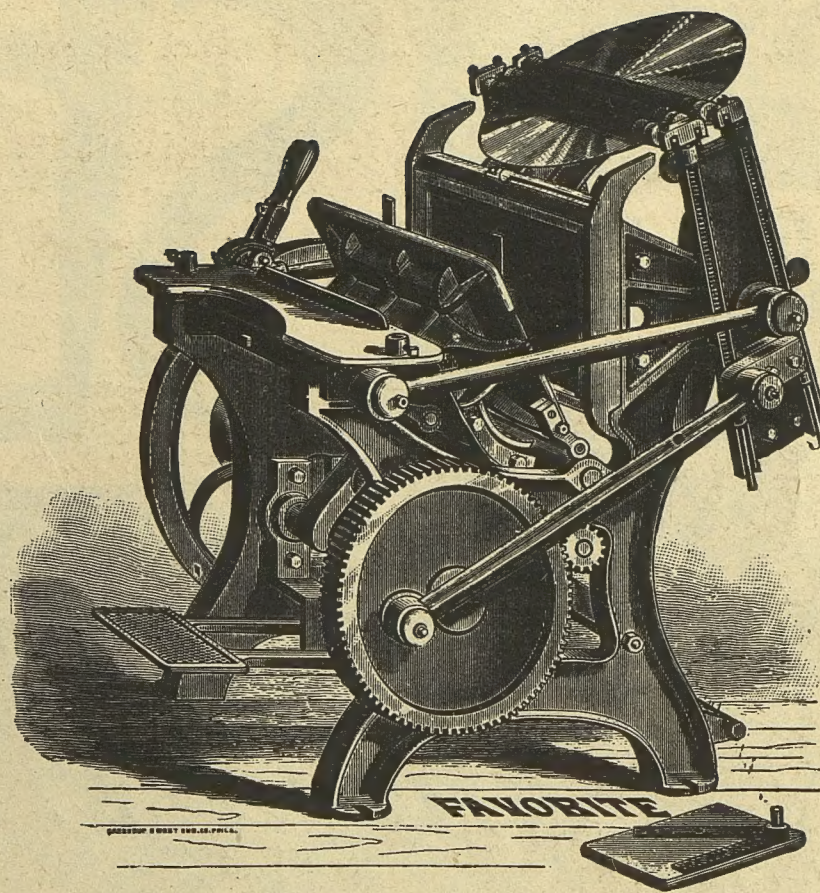
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HELP WANTED

Well, we're back. That may surprise you but it surprises us just as much. For a while we thought the Seed had finally reached the end of the road. After all, the Seed has survived six years now. That's ancient among undergrounds.

We've gone through several complete staff turnovers and several changes in direction and policy, and we're going through another crisis right now.

We need people. The Seed is now operating with one full time staff member, and about 8 people who help out when they can. That isn't enough, really.

There's a lot more to putting out the Seed than writing articles, doing graphics, typing the copy and pasting it down on layout paper and taking it to the printer.

There are phones to be answered, mail to be answered, floors to be swept, the books have to be kept up, subscriptions have to be done, the garbage has to go out, stories have to be tracked down, papers have to be filed, advertising has to be gotten, money has to be kept track of, etc. etc. etc.

Not very exciting, is it. But these little tasks are what really keeps the paper going. And some of them are not so little. Bookkeeping here is a full time job. We really, desperately, need an accountant. Anybody out there interested?

We do need people who aren't afraid of shitwork. Anybody can learn to write. Anybody can do layout. Everybody does shitwork.

Give us a call at 248-2875. But remember that it's not a game, that it's a lot of work and a lot of hassles, but it can be a lot of fun.



We have been dismayed by the right-wing ballyhoo over the POWs from Vietnam, considering the extent of their personal guilt in waging war against the people of Vietnam.— There are several reasons why such a show is being made of them.

The POW return is another of Nixon's "moonshots." It is a spectacle to draw people's attention from the real issues of the war and the peace as well as a growing economic crisis, the brunt of which is being borne by poor and working people. While the POWs are being manipulated to say the right things about the flag, the President, and the war, most US families — and particularly black and other third world veterans — are being hit hard by a lack of jobs and rising prices. But even with the publicity over the POW releases, most Americans are too busy just trying to get by. When the show is over, the real issues will remain.

It is also a hypocritical homecoming party. All during the war, most veterans have come home to find few jobs or benefits, poor VA medical care, and other problems. Wounded and partially disabled veterans, especially if they are black or brown, are neglected while the POWs are given new cars.

The warmakers are trying to use the POWs to rewrite history — to somehow show that because these men are brave, that the war was right. This isn't true, no matter how many people were forced to fight and die for it. Already most Americans and most of the world's people know this. A little theater isn't going to change the truth.

Worst of all is the way in which some enlisted POWs and officer POWs who don't want to parrot

the official line on the subject are being treated. The military threatened to court-martial several enlisted men who were allegedly AWOL at the time of their capture. A number of officers have been locked up in military hospitals because they apparently weren't ready to wave the flag when they got back.

The POW spectacle has all the qualities that made the war and the US system so despicable in the first place — hypocrisy, callousness, greed, and racism. This last exists not only in the special neglect faced by black and brown vets, but in the way that the press and government are ignoring the condition of prisoners being released by South Vietnam. While there are screams of "torture" when an American comes home with a hangnail or a bleeding ulcer, the prisoners of our ally and defender of freedom in Vietnam are returning (if at all) unable to walk or see because of the torture they survived under US supervision in South Vietnamese prisons. And there are thousands of prisoners that Thieu is trying to murder or keep imprisoned as hostages for his own survival.

We should try to welcome home all the POWs—not as heroes, but as men who have been used by the US ruling class. We must be ready to defend anyone among them who is attacked or prosecuted by the military for the "crime" of supporting a courageous people in a just struggle.

The POWs will not be history's heroes of the Vietnam War, despite all that Nixon's Madison Avenue cronies can do. The victory of the Vietnamese people will not be negated by the Big Lie.

Chicago Area Military Project—



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Three and a half weeks ago several hundred Indians seized the trading post and the church in the town of Wounded Knee, South Dakota. And they remain there still. Outside, behind roadblocks surrounding the town, sit federal marshals, FBI agents and government officials who are slowly being replaced by Bureau of Indian Affairs Indian police, in a move closely resembling Vietnamization.

Every night there is shooting exchanged and the hills around Wounded Knee are lit up as government forces set fires, destroying grazing land. So far three Indians and one FBI agent have been shot. Federal officials are tightening access to the town. Reporters are only allowed in during the day time. Even the World Council of Churches people who are allowed in with medical supplies cannot bring food. Any food that does come in must be sneaked around road blocks, a dangerous 8 — 12 mile hike.

[Since this was typeset, a Federal Judge has issued an order forbidding federal agents from interfering in food shipments to Wounded Knee.]

The government's negotiating position has hardened over time. According to their most recent proposal, seven "leaders" of the takeover — including Russell Means, Dennis Banks, Clyde Bellecourt, Carter Camp — all of the American Indian Movement (AIM); and Pedro Bissonette of the Oglala Sioux Civil Rights Organization (OSCRO) will be given safe passage to Sioux Falls, S.D. After five hours of negotiations with the government there are a couple of one hour press conferences the will be placed under arrest.

All other Indians back in Wounded Knee must then lay down their arms and leave town. As they leave, they will be checked to see if there are any indictments against them.

So far a Rapid City grand jury has issued 54 indictments. Over 100 people are now held in custody. Many of them even the grand jury has refused to issue indictments for.

Over and over again, the government and the media have referred to the Wounded Knee takeover as "the AIM action". Or a Secretary of Interior Rogers Morton called it, "the violent tactics of some militants."

But Wounded Knee really began long before February 27 in the growing movement against the corrupt tribal government on the reservation. There had been much support all over the 12,000 person reservation for the ouster of Tribal chairman Richard

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Wilson. Wilson is accused of graft and nepotism and sending his "goon squad" on anyone who challenges his authority. In fact, 6 out of 8 reservation districts voted for his impeachment but tribal council members, friends of Wilson, refused to vote their wishes.

In an earlier attempt at tribal reform, a group of people formed the Inner District Council, representing the outlying six reservation districts where most people live. "We tried to get Dickey Wilson, the BIA, and finally the government to recognize the IDC," said Lou Bean, an activist in OSCRO. "When this failed we set up a civil rights group to demand out civil rights. We had tried everything else."

OSCRO has had as many as 900 people at their meetings.

"After fighting Wilson in the tribal council," said Ghost Bear, a member of OSCRO, "we realized that they were just flunkies for the BIA and we were really fighting the Federal government."

After the impeachment of Wilson failed, "I called a district meeting," said Severt Young Bear, a district chairman of the reservation's Porcupine district. "I said I was going to work with the Civil Rights Organization and if they needed, we'd call in the American Indian Movement so we could get rid of this tribal council and get a government controlled by the people. And the people said go ahead."

"AIM was asked to come in here after we got tired of hitting a stone wall," said Vern Long, co-chairman of OSCRO.

Since Oglala Sioux and AIM members took

Wounded Knee, there has been support for the takeover all over the reservation. A case in point is Porcupine. Since the beginning of the takeover, Indians from all over the country have been streaming in to join in the support of Wounded Knee.

Many of them, however, have been unable to get in, and have been camping out in other parts of the reservation. So the Porcupine community voted unanimously to allow the Indians who had come from all over the country to stay at the Porcupine Community Center. But as with the takeover in general, the media pointed to outside agitators and claimed that "a small band of AIM members and young whites" took the center.

After a couple of days, Federal agents, claiming that the occupants took the building by force, surrounded the center and forced the occupants to leave after getting their names and addresses. Some of them were arrested.

On Sunday, March 18, the Oglala Sioux acted again. Fourteen of the 18 tribal chiefs of the Pine Ridge Reservation (most of them old) made a declaration of independence and declared the area taken at Wounded Knee the Independent Oglala Sioux Nation. Despite what the establishment media might say, "it was a shock to AIM" said one observer.

Like the site at which they chose to dramatize their demands — Wounded Knee — the declaration of sovereignty is also deeply bound in history.

The Oglala Sioux are declaring the independence that they lost in 1924 under the Indian Reorganization



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PROTESTS OVER

Activism on the Pine Ridge Reservation can be traced back to about a year ago when Raymond Yellow Thunder, a 51 year old Oglala Sioux was found dead in a car in a used car lot in Gordon, Nebraska, just over the border from Pine Ridge. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage from beatings on the head. The week before he had been taunted, stripped of his pants, made to dance and then beat up by some whites in a bar. Five whites were charged with manslaughter and false imprisonment, not first degree murder.

Although incidents like this happen frequently with little response from the Indian community, this time many of the Oglala from the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations reacted. Thirteen hundred came down from the reservation, demonstrated and took over the town hall. At a People's Grand Jury, sponsored by AIM, they testified not only about Raymond Yellow Thunder, but about the conditions that they have had to live under. They made seven demands ranging from an autopsy to the suspension of a particularly racist policeman to an investigation of Raymond Yellow Thunder's death. All seven were granted.

In November over 1000 Indians from over 250 tribes across the country seized the BIA building in Washington after a cross country caravan called "Trail of the Broken Treaties". The Indians presented the government with a list of 20 demands: the abolition of the BIA by 1976, the creation of a new "Office of Federal and Indian Relations and Community



"If you don't like it here in America, why don't you go back where you came from?"

KNEE

Act. Up to that time, Indians were treated as a separate people whose relations with the U.S. was governed by treaties.

"In 1924," said Carter Camp of AIM, "they took away our treaty rights and started dealing with us as wards of the government. They held that we were incompetent to handle our own affairs and that the BIA was competent to handle our affairs. So since 1924, we've been dealing strictly with the BIA."

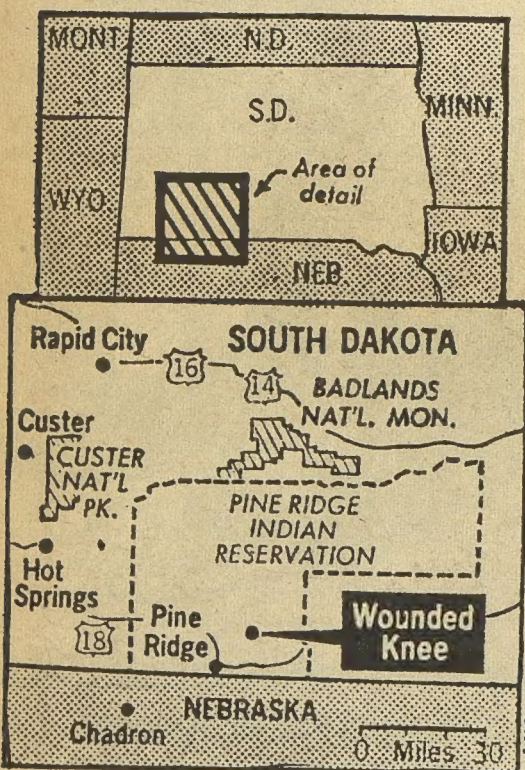
As part of the Indian Reorganization Act, election procedures were set up to replace the traditional ways (discussion and consensus) that Indians had of choosing their tribal leaders. Very few people vote (only about 25% of the eligible people on the Pine Ridge Reservation are even registered to vote) and that's how people like Dick Wilson got elected.

But of course, it goes farther back than 1924.

"Whose voice was first sounded on this land? The voice of the red people who had but bows and arrows. . . What has been done in my country I did not want, did not ask for it; white people going through my country. . . When the white man comes to my country he leaves a trail of blood behind him."

—Mahpiya Luta (Red Cloud)

One thing that's hard to remember is that almost all of the land occupied by non-Indians today was taken from Native Americans at some point in history. "They made us many promises," said Red Cloud, "more than I can remember, but they never kept but one; the promised to take our land, and they took it."



THE PAST YEAR

Reconstruction", the establishment of a Commission to review treaty commitments and violations, to name a few.

President Nixon appointed a special task force on Indian grievances and Congress appointed a special task force of its own. Neither group had met by the time Wounded Knee was taken over.

On January 21, Wesley Bad Heart Bull, a 20 year old Sioux, was stabbed to death by a white man near Buffalo Gap, S.D. As with the murder of Raymond Yellow Thunder, the white was only charged with second degree manslaughter and soon freed on \$5000 bond. A demonstration was called for February 6 and 200 Indians from Rapid City and the surrounding area traveled 60 miles to the Custer, S.D. courthouse.

As Russell Means of AIM was negotiating with officials, he was jumped by cops and in the process Wesley Bad Heart Bull's mother was roughed up. The ensuing battle between 150 Indians and police lasted for hours. The Chamber of Commerce was burned to the ground and two police cars and the courthouse were damaged by smoke and fire. Thirty-eight Indians were arrested.

Custer became an armed camp — National Guardsmen arrived, roads leading to the area were blocked and telephone communications cut. Vigilantes with rifles were stationed on every roof top. A fight at a bar between whites and Indians landed 42 more Indians (and NO whites) into jail. Tensions remained high.

And then on February 27 — Wounded Knee.



"By taking the action of declaring ourselves an independent nation," said Carter Camp, "we feel we've gone back to our rights as Indian people under the treaty of 1868. . . This treaty guaranteed that this area and the vast area around here, west of the Mississippi, would be in control of the Sioux people 'as long as the grass was growing and the water flowing' Both of these things are still happening. These treaties were to be never broken without a two thirds vote of the Indian males on the reservation."

By 1876, however, the government decided that it wanted to get at the gold in the Black Hills which was part of the territory controlled by the Sioux. So through pure relentless military force and forced starvation, tribal chiefs were pressured to sign and those who wouldn't sign were driven off.

Now that the people at Wounded Knee have declared themselves and independent nation they are starting to put it into practice. Three hundred-forty-nine people (including Oglalas, other Indians, Chicanos and a few whites and blacks have been sworn in as citizens of the New Oglala Sioux Nation. There are classes in everything from the use of first aid to use of weaponry.

And there is at least one big meeting a night where everyone discusses the events of the day and what's happening. "There's a strong functioning community," said one observer there.

Fourteen new rooms have been erected and 100 bunks built. An underground warehouse for food and arms has been devised. Residents of Wounded Knee have had their homes repaired. Cows have been slaughtered for food, their hides tanned and made into blankets and gloves.

"The Oglala Sioux people and AIM have here what everyone of the various races dream of having," said Carter Camp. "We have a land base and we have a government here. We have the support of a mass of people — the 12,000 people on the Pine Ridge Reservation are almost totally supporting what we're doing

here."

But outside the tiny community of Wounded Knee sit federal marshals, BIA police, FBI and Department of Justice and Interior officials armed with M-16s.

Government officials sound remarkably like Nixon in their statements: "Let us make things perfectly clear. . . there never was any amnesty, and there never will be any amnesty. . . the position we have taken does not represent any departure from the attitude of reasonableness we have maintained even in the face of terrorism. . . The position taken by the leaders at Wounded Knee amounts to nothing more than intolerable blackmail."

"I call it blackmail when our children are forced to attend boarding schools away from home nine months a year," said Russell Means of AIM, "when the police jail the drunks but not the bootleggers, when we are forced to deal with white businessmen who dominate our towns, when a tribal chief can hire goon squads with Federal funds, when the government holds our land in trust. They offer us two choices — jail or death and to hell with our demands. That's blackmail."

The government sits and waits. Secretary of Interior Rogers Morton describes the Indians occupying Wounded Knee: "Some are renegades, some youthful adventurers, some have criminal records."

"You are here," said one Administration official quoted in Newsweek, "an arguable case of treason. If we treat it as if it were spitting on the sidewalk, then the whole fabric of the country goes down the drain."

Said one Indian at Wounded Knee, "We must be like a mosquito on the side of a buffalo."

The government obviously feels it has time on its side. Maintaining its roadblocks and restricting the press as much as possible, it is hoping to wear down the Indians. They figure that if enough Indians get demoralized, their numbers will dwindle and they'll be able to take the community with very few observers around to watch the attack.

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The Natural



Childbirth Using Midwife's Chair

It is with many fears that women succumb to anesthesia with the arrival of the doctor. Anesthesia is administered as a matter of course without any consideration of the need for it or the desire of the woman. Doctors contend that is much simpler to deliver the baby when the mother is unconscious. Her explanations of what is happening inside her body threaten the corner he thinks he keeps on the market of medical knowledge. After all, he is the only one who could possibly know what is happening to her.

In our reverence for medical men we have somehow fallen into the belief that even in childbirth it is the comfort of the doctor we are concerned about. If he feels better with her asleep then out she goes. He is the monarch of the delivery room, the site of her event, her accomplishment.

One woman who refused anesthesia reported the following incident in delivery. The attending doctor, getting irritated, yelled at her "I want that baby now!" Knowing that the final moments hadn't come and she couldn't force it, she retorted "No!", whereupon he immediately started pounding on her abdomen to "coax" delivery along.

In a male world, baby production is no different than car production; both a product of male invention, both delivered through an assembly line.

What else does anesthesia accomplish besides the doctor's complete control of the woman and his

WHO

Electronic behavior control is moving out of the province of science fiction. A recently published proposal by Dr. Gerald Smith and Dr. Burton Ingraham, two scientists spearheading this movement, explores the potential use of electronic technology on parolees, high risk ex-convicts, and people on bail.

This proposal (aimed, according to Smith, at "stirring up interest in the Justice Department") advocates the use of electronics "to maintain twenty-four hour a day surveillance over the subject and to intervene electronically or physically to influence and control selected behavior."

Ingraham and Smith explain how their system might work: 'A parolee with a past record of burglaries is tracked to a downtown shopping district and the physiological data reveals an increased respiration rate, a tension in the musculature, and an increased flow of adrenalin. It would be a safe guess, certainly, that he was up to no good.

"The computer in this case, weighing the probabilities, would come to a decision and alert the police or parole officer so that they could hasten to the scene; or, if the subject were equipped with an implanted telemeter [long-distance transmitter-receiver system] it could transmit an electrical signal which could block further action by the subject by causing him to forget or abandon his project."

The system proposed by Drs. Ingraham and Smith would work like a thermostat. A prisoner is equipped with an unremovable electronic device implanted in his brain. It transmits basic information to a central computer. The computer analyzes the data and sends back electronic messages to "correct" the behavior of the prisoner, if it does not conform to the computer's expectations.

I. IN THE LABORATORIES

"What I propose is the adoption of a strategy for mental planning. The project of conquering the human mind could be a central theme for international cooperation," says Dr. Jose Delgado, the "father of electrophysiology" — the study of brain nerves. He explains that current brain research supports the conclusion that "motion, emotion, and behavior can be directed by electrical forces and that humans can be controlled by pushbuttons like robots."

Delgado has developed a technique, electronic stimulation of the brain (ESB) to control brain nerves. Through a simple operation, electrode shafts, very fine wires insulated with teflon and scraped bare at the tips to permit passage of current, are inserted in the brain. The ends of the wires are soldered to a small socket anchored to the skull.

By applying electric current to the electrode shafts, Delgado has been able to invoke all kinds of behavior in experiments with monkeys, cats, birds, and

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humans. Fear, anxiety, apathy, disorientation, loss of memory, blackout, as well as pleasure, sexual excitement, and euphoria can be induced electrically.

Delgado stresses the significance of experiments done on a monkey named Paddy, in which brain patterns were effectively altered. Each time a computer picked up electrical impulses coming from the area of Paddy's brain correlated with aggressiveness and excitement, a punishing ESB was sent to a part of the brain associated with fear and pain.

This ESB had an effect similar to slapping a child's hand each time she or he touches a forbidden object. Within two hours impulses coming from the brain's aggressive area decreased by 50%. A few days later there were practically no impulses at all. Paddy's changed behavior — less aggression, diminished appetite, and laziness — lasted two weeks.

II. OUT OF THE LABORATORIES INTO THE STREETS

While Delgado's experimentation quietly progresses, the technological links are being forged to take brain control out of the laboratory onto the streets. Delgado and other advocates of electronic behavior control are quick to explain that prototypes for a system to control prisoners over long distances already exist.

The recently developed science of telemetry — long-distance, remote-control measurement and control of given phenomena — provides a basis for the

practical implementation of Delgado's work. (Delgado, by the way, is a Yale professor of Physiology, and author of a recent book, Physical Control of the Mind). First used to study such things as migration patterns in birds, and the hibernation and spawning of animals and fish, telemetry has now been perfected to monitor human behavior as well.

Presently, telemetric control of humans is used on a volunteer basis for such cases as heart patients, alcoholics, and epileptic children.

But one-way telemetry is already being applied to law enforcement purposes. One system presently operating in two US cities, the Automatic Vehicle Monitor (AVM), provides the location of "tagged" motor vehicles every five seconds with an accuracy of about one block.

In a proposal for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Institute of Public Administration notes, "Another, secretive, law enforcement use of AVM would be in 'tagging' suspect vehicles, valuable shipments, etc. . . Future refinements may make it possible to implant a transponder [receiver-transmitter] on the subject's person, in his shoe, for instance."

The step from bugging vehicles to bugging parolees is already being seriously considered. With the end of the Vietnam war, the electronics industry is shifting its allocations from overseas defense projects to domestic research and development. There has

Childbirth Movement

own comfort? First, it removes the woman as an active participant in the delivery and thereby ceases any helpful knowledge she could give the doctor about what she is experiencing during delivery. She will be the first to know if there are problems if she is conscious because she would be attuned to her own body—something that no matter how hard he tries, a male doctor cannot even simulate.

Second, it has been conclusively shown and most women will testify to the fact that it slows down labor and the whole process of childbirth. Breech births are often the result of anesthesia causing the infant to turn completely in the womb. Protraction of labor increases the wear and tear on the female body.

Third, recent studies indicate that anesthesia to the mother acts as a depressant to the infant. In a study by Maya and Thorndike (1963) it was found that "The newborn shows marked susceptibility to the depressant effect of drugs used in labor. This heightened sensitivity is related in part to increased permeability of the blood-brain barrier, inefficient metabolism and asphyxia and physical trauma associated with the delivery process."

Fourth, childbirth can be and has been a highly erotic experience for many women. Recently in writings of the Women's Movement personal experiences documenting this have been abundant. And Niles Newton reported on studies of this subject in a recent issue of *Psychology Today*, concluding that

childbirth, lactation and intercourse are the three major sexually sensuous experiences of women.

Anesthesia obviously separates the woman from the potentiality of this experience. It is interesting that in years past when anesthesia could have benefited women in complicated births and surgery male doctors refused to give it to them. Now they demand it for their own comfort even when it is not needed or desired by the woman. Both acts result in the same conclusion—male control and malevolence.

It is in reaction to this unwarranted use of anesthesia that the natural childbirth movement has developed in recent years. In "natural childbirth" a woman who remains conscious during a normal delivery can work with her contractions and aid the childbirth process. She may even enjoy it. But the fact is that natural childbirth is not natural at all. Woman is still flat on her back in a horizontal position defying all the laws of nature.

Despite her work, or as a result of the lack of it, in a horizontal position, when a contraction pushes the fetus forward toward delivery the fetus will slide back again. The natural vertical position prevents this from happening because the contractions are working with the force of gravity.

"Natural childbirth" as we know it now is nothing more than a romanticized means of helping women to better adjust to the abnormal and intensely painful delivery process mandated by men. Lit-

erature is proliferating these days on the husband's (do all mothers have them?) role in childbirth.

Bad enough that the doctor claims credit for the experience but the husband wants in on the act too, supposedly to help her, but in reality to catch a piece of the action and walk away with the credit. There is historical precedent for this in the *couvade*. This custom in tribal societies finds the male taking to his bed when his wife is approaching delivery, simulating labor and pretending to be experiencing the delivery.

In some places after childbirth "The mother rises from her accouchment and resumes her household duties, while the husband takes to his bed and remains for one or more weeks, receiving the congratulations of friends and neighbors."

Clearly men cannot tolerate their nonfunctional role in the reproductive process and continually seek to institute themselves as a central figure in the process. The image of the *couvade* is really no different than the male who emerges from the delivery room exhausted and perspiring after holding his wife's hand through delivery and proceeds to pass out cigars and accept congratulations.

Suffice it to say that the whole present field of obstetrics is nothing more than a constant development of solutions to the problems caused for women by male doctors who find it beneath them to stoop in front of a woman. In other words, by only allowing horizontal delivery, obstetricians have made themselves indispensable to the whole process; an agonizing twist of fate men have caused and women have learned to accept.

Interestingly enough the obstetrical chair developed by midwives has been revived. As early (or late) as 1964 it was presented by Argentinian Dr. Tucho Perussi to the World Congress of Obstetricians. It was found in a report to that body that "Horizontal delivery is not just unphysiological, it is unnatural, useless, debilitating and unproductive, requiring therapeutic, instrumental, and tocolological assistance to obtain a result which the patient is biologically equipped to obtain alone without help."

As we can see today, the revival of humane childbirth for women was not readily received by the male obstetricians of the world as we do not find this chair in use beyond the limited circle of Dr Perussi in Argentina.

Dr. Perussi points to some of the advantages of vertical childbirth that midwives and women prior to the twentieth century already knew. Women are able to relax better between contractions, thereby having more energy for each as they come. With delivery of the fetus the placenta is pulled out with it. Mothers can testify to the agony of the present day methods by which doctors scrape out the placenta.

In Perussi's extensive studies he conclusively reveals that vertical childbirth causes a shorter period of time for labor. That factor alone is indicative of the extent to which obstetricians will go out of their way to cause pain for women.

In vertical delivery a woman is not only conscious of everything happening to her, she is IN CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE SITUATION. And this is obviously why male doctors are not rushing out to implement this method.

The modified chair developed by Perussi is designed so that the woman can adjust it to her own comfort. But the reaction of doctors today is no different than it was when they took over this field. Last year University of Michigan's Dr. David Middleton, Chairman of the Obstetrical Department said with a hint of sadistic history "It's just common sense that it's so much easier for anyone to attend with the woman on her back rather than sitting."

Perhaps if childbirth were in the control of the woman delivering, and able female assistance was provided her, we would not have the dynamic known as post-partum blues, which falls like "Secret" deoderant under the "just-because-she-is-a-woman" mythology.

Blues is the minimum we can expect from the sadistic practices to which women are subjected by male obstetricians during delivery. Childbirth now is enough to make any woman depressed enough to want to even play the silly game of being the delicate female who is attended by loving relatives and friends.

Kathleen Barry

Part three — the dangers of pregnancy, "test tube" reproduction, and the abortion situation — will be in the next issue of the Seed. Thanks to Pandora for originally printing this article. (c) 1972 by Kathleen Barry, with thanks.

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looks like this: XXX-XXXX YYY A.

The first seven digits are a telephone number of some large, patriotic corporation. The first three digits are the prefix, and if it is a local prefix these degenerates always call the number to make sure no one answers, since the Telephone Company may check.

The next three digits are called the RAO. Any number from 001 to 599 can be an RAO, and they stand for cities. The creeps always make sure that the RAO is a real one for that city.

Sometimes the careful operators of the Telephone Company asks the anarchist "What city is that number registered in?", which makes the commies flee from the phonebooth and try another phone somewhere else.

The last digit is a letter which matches the seventh (last) number of the phone number of that nice conglomerate. 834-1656-087 K is an example of the 1973 credit card formula.

The Telephone Company programs it's Operators well. They can very often spot a phony number these creeps have invented. But sometimes these dope-fiends

act calm and read off the number like it was their own, and say it fast.

Since the Telephone Company is so busy during the day providing YOU with good, reliable service, their Operators are too busy providing reliable, good, service to spot these horrible anarchists in the act. At night, they may have the time to catch them red-handed, but the commies are tricky, slimy people. They know that they are not required to say who the call is being billed to or the number they are calling from.

Sometimes the Loyal and True Telephone Company Operators can hear the background conversation these fiends make in the Phone booth, and can trace them down from this. But the dirty snakes always make their subversive calls short, and always use a public phone, and NEVER use the same booth twice.

Remember all this, and the next time you see one of these smelly anarchist commie dope fiends trying to steal from the Telephone Company, don't hesitate to call the Police.

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Police?

been a marked increase in investments for expanding law enforcement technology.

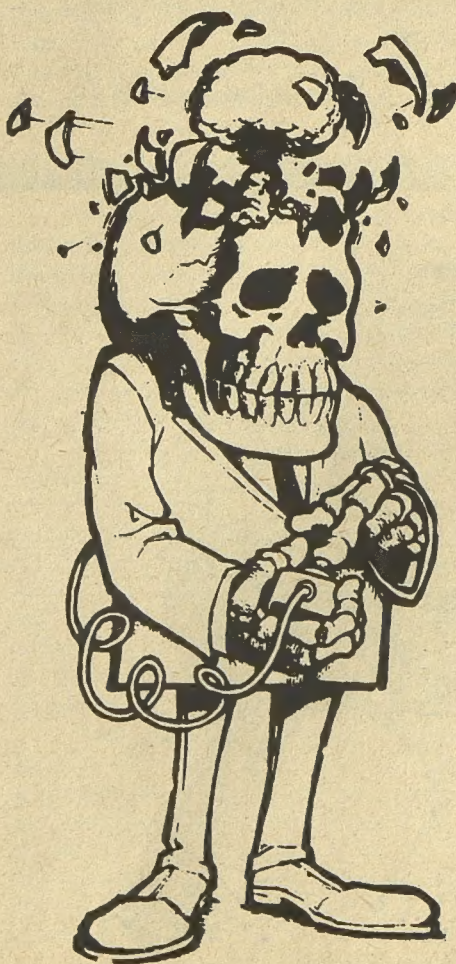
Dr. Ralph Schwitzgebel of Harvard University, a designer of telemetric devices used on humans, concludes, "Within the near future, electronic technology is likely to become very important in the design of programs for the modification of the behavior of offenders."

Dr. Gerald Smith, a University of Utah professor, maintains that electronic control of prisoners is "the cheapest and most effective way" to remedy the chronic problems of this country's penal system, its tremendous costs and lack of success in "changing people."

Dr. Smith thinks that an electronic system would have "temendous humanitarian value," even though he feels that "the lowest priority is the individual offender."

Dr. Smith has been encouraged by the interest shown in his proposal by private electronics companies such as Daytel, Inc. Telemetry of Holly Hills, Florida. Although he is disappointed by the lack of government interest so far, Dr. Smith is confident that "by 1985, it will be used in an experimental way and by 1995 in a practical way. If we don't do it," he says, "someone else will."

—Ruth Tebbets
PNS/LNS



The Learning Exchange

I went through the Learning Exchange catalog a couple of weeks ago and found thirty listings of things I wanted to learn immediately and another few hundred I'd get to eventually. The catalog listed 815 separate topic areas, such as: Arabic, arts and crafts; audio engineering; bagpipes; bicycle repair; blueprint reading and estimating; bread-making; calligraphy; canning foods; carpentry; ceramics; cinematography; comic art; community organizing; dress designs; egyptology; Esperanto; Finnish; framing; Go; hammock-making; hand shadows; heuristics; I Ching; journalism; kabala; lion taming; logic; masonry; medical terminology; memory work; municipal government; navigation (coastal and celestial); Norse mythology; ontology; paramedical careers; picnic table constructions; pipe organ building; preschool education; quilting; recorder; ria rug designs; Sanskrit; science fiction; silk screening; silver craft; stained glass; Swahili; tai chi; children's theater; wooden toy making; trigonometry; vocations for social change; Volvos; welfare system; wild foods; and zoology, for starters. And, if I haven't caught your attention by now, you may quietly hand this article to someone else 'cause I'd hate to see it going to waste.

I just recently got my ass up to the Learning Exchange in Evanston to check things out. Evanston is only the base of operations, by the way. There had

been a bit of a doubt in my mind as to how cool the people running things were. There wasn't any doubt when I left and I didn't leave for good, by any means. Learning is very addictive, especially when its so unrestricted.

Aside from the people, the exchange consists of three rooms with a few phones, typewriters, and a couple of file cabinets (a tour takes about one minute,) T, L, and I are the codes listed in the catalog indicating what people are available in each subject. As an example, say you know how to repair bicycles or you're really into chemistry and you'd enjoy sharing what you know with someone who wants to learn it. You give the LearningExchange a buzz and they'll give you the names and telephone numbers of people interested in learning that something. If they don't have anybody off-hand, then they'll file you under T for teacher. The reverse applies if you want to learn something and there is no one available, you're listed under L for learner. An interest match, I, is sort of the non-descript area outside of T and L. A good example of which would be if you played Go and you've been having trouble finding other people to play with or you spent the summer in France and want to practice the French you picked up while you were there, or you want to find other people in your neighborhood who want to start a food co-op, or whatever, then maybe

the Exchange can help you out.

The Exchange doesn't have quarters or semesters because it's not a school. It's "simply" a telephone and filing service which helps people find their complementaries. They give you the names and addresses and leave it up to you and the other person or persons to set things up for yourselves (time, place and so on). The files are updated frequently because they're as flexible as the people involved.

The youngest student is 2, he's learning Hebrew; thier oldest participant is 96, he makes picnic tables; and their youngest teacher is 12, she gives flute lessons. Their diversity doesn't end with age either. They don't cater to any one neighborhood or class of people. And they're not connected with a university.

There's no tuition and if there's any cost involved at all, possibly for tools or equipment (some teachers charge a fee — so it's good to ask), it rests entirely on whatever the teacher and learner decide. Their catalog is free for the asking, by the way, and to get one all ya gotta do is call or write "the Learning Exchange", PO Box 920, Evanston, Illinois, 60204. Telephone 864-4133. Their lines are open 10am to 10pm seven days a week. They're busy, so be persistent.

I have been discontented with our present educational system throughout my life, but have always been coerced into believing that it was me who just

The case of United States vs Otto Kerner and Theodore Isaacs was a case in which it was difficult to choose sides. Neither was very attractive. A choice between Kerner—Isaacs and Richard Nixon's chief legal representative in Northern Illinois, James Thompson, is not an easy one.

Kerner is not a particularly vicious or reactionary man; he did chair the Commission which issued the well-known progressive interpretation of the causes for widespread rioting in U.S. cities in the mid-sixties. But on the other hand, he is not the type who deserves much sympathy. His strong political background, tenure as governor and Federal Judge, aristocratic manner, affected English accent, and expensive custom-made suits make it clear he is not overly concerned about the lives of ordinary people. He and Isaacs used their public positions to aquire great personal wealth and it is only the ambition and attempts to consolidate political power by James Thompson which pale Kerner and Isaac's wrongdoing.

James Thompson is a man to watch. He is successfully attacking the Daley Machine in Cook County on various fronts and he easily uncovers vast corruption with every investigation. This seems admirable, but where are the indictments of corrupt Republican politicians, big corporation polluters or brutality and murders by the Chicago police? What will happen when the trail of corruption leads to the big Republican corporate contributors who in some ways are more powerful than Mayor Daley? Do not anticipate their indictments; they will not be forthcoming.

Thompson, prosecuting behind a veil of efficient law enforcement, is buisily consolidating Republican power in Northern Illinois for his possible race for the Mayor's office. It is the Republicans who profit from

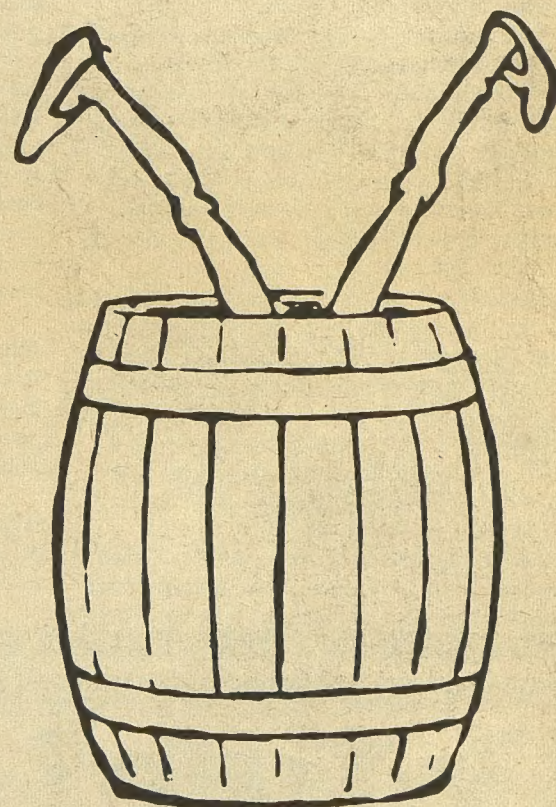
the demise of the Daley Machine, not the people of Chicago. Power is not flowing from the Daley Machine back to the people, it now merely moves to the Republican Machine and Thompson. Nixon and Kleindienst's attitudes towards "Law and Order" have long been well knows and Thompson himself admittedly follows thier orders on major cases. After they have relieved the Democrats of political power, the U.S. Attorney's office will no doubt begin attacking other political groups and people who may pose a threat the Republican power.

One very pleasing note about the verdict is that the unanimously working class jury refused to be fooled by Kerner's charisma, parade of character witnesses (General William Westmoreland testifying about honesty has to reach the height of absurdity). seven weeks of complicated evidence, and Kerner's smooth lawyer. They jury refused to accept the seemingly engrained maxim of American politics that politicians grant favors to friends, big lobbyists, big campaign contributors (remember ITT and Richard Nixon), and whoever else can afford it. The jury saw that Kerner and Isaacs had not acted honestly. Even if there was no direct testimony of actual bribery, the jury knew that K and I had betrayed their public positions and were in fact guilty. The verdict speaks well for the common intelligence and basic sense of justice of Chicago Area working people, but unfortunately will not benefit their interests.

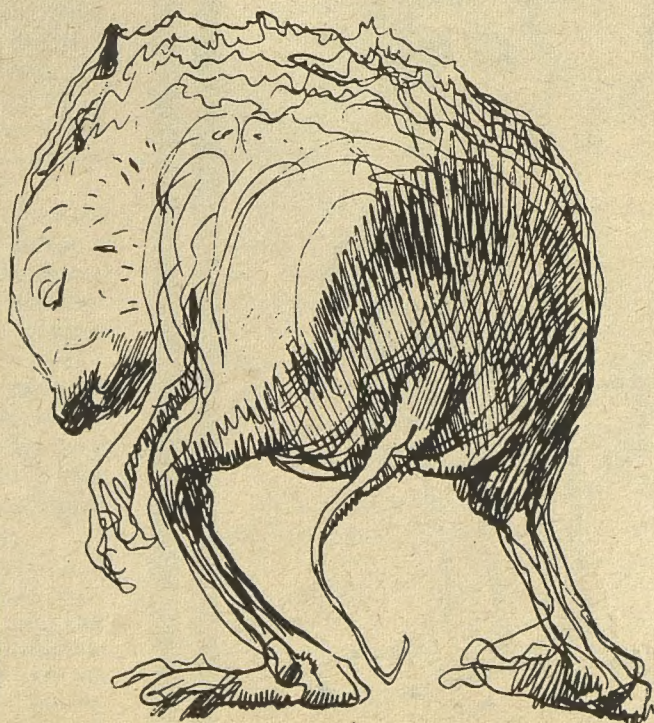
The verdict strengthens Richard Nixon's Republican party which has clearly show its lack of concern for people. And an obviously expendable Otto Kerner becomes another stepping stone on Jim Thompson's climb to power.

—National Lawyers Guild

Kerner Konvictment



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Gonorrhea is THE most serious health problem of the people in this country today. It's true that in many parts of the country health care is grossly inadequate for even the simplest ills and that hundreds of thousands of people go to bed hungry every night, but gonorrhea is second in number only to the common cold as far as the number of people afflicted. Last year (1972) an estimated 2½ MILLION people contracted gonorrhea in the U.S. Worldwide, the World Health Organization estimates that 100 MILLION people have the disease.

Gonorrhea affects all people. There were several thousand REPORTED cases in children 9 - 11 years old last year, and cases reported in people in their 80's. However, most of the cases occurred in people 15 to 25 years old and the rate was 5 to 10 times higher for urban areas than for rural areas, so while anybody can get gonorrhea, and while many people do, it is primarily affecting urbanites of a more or less student age. In Chicago, for instance, the reported infectious rate was 1100 cases per 100,000 population, while that for the nation as a whole was 308 cases per 100,000 population.

Gonorrhea is caused by a micro-organism called Nieserria gonorrhea. It thrives in the alkaline environment of the internal penis (urethra) and the vagina. It is also a very sensitive organism and rapidly dies

didn't "make it". I've recently been finding out more and more people who support my beliefs to the contrary; however, discontent alone is not sufficient. Alternatives are needed. The learning exchange is such an alternative.

The American university has become the final stage of the most all-encompassing initiation rite the world has ever known. No society in history has been able to survive without ritual or myth, but ours is the first which has needed such a dull, protracted, destructive and expensive initiation into its myth.

"...learning is the human activity which least needs manipulation by others. Most learning is not the result of instruction. It is rather the result of unhampered participation in a meaningful setting.

"The relational structure we need are those which will enable each man to define himself by learning and by contributing to the learning of others."

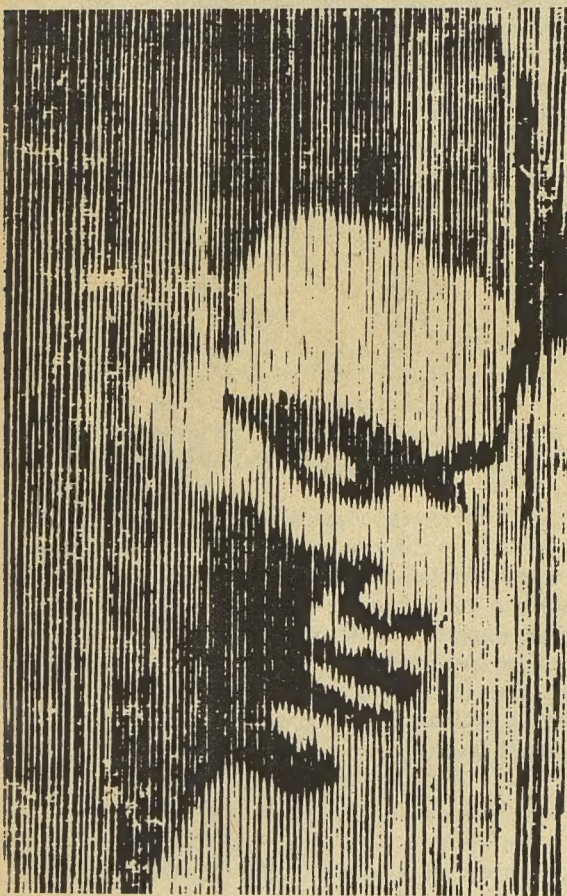
Ivan Illich — from Deschooling Society.

Of course, there is a name for people becoming responsible for their own learning (and lives), but it's not names I want to spread — it's ideas.

Sylvia Giesbrecht



Attica Indictments



After waiting so long (until after the election) that most people had forgotten it was there, the special grand jury "investigating" the Attica Rebellion suddenly, just in time for Christmas, announced it had voted 37 indictments charging 63 of the Brothers with crimes ranging from murder to "promoting prison contraband." Many had been lulled by the delay into believing that possibly cooler heads now prevailed in the State Apparatus than those in charge on September 13, 1971, when 29 prisoners and 10 hostages were slaughtered as hundreds of State Police and guards ran calculatedly amok in the Prison Yard.

In truth, the indictments have been procured by the same people who ordered the massacre, and for the same purpose. The more the hypocrisy and brutality of the owners of the government are exposed, the more they naturally resort to further savagery to repress those who expose them.

Attica represents a bold experiment in terror by the state. The indictments announced in December, which may be only the first of many more (the grand jury is still meeting regularly) represent the second, consolidating phase of the experiment: judicial terror to complement the military blitzkrieg in the Yard. The message is designed for mass consumption, and aimed at the same audience which on September 13 was told that the rebels had slit the throats of the hostages and castrated some of them. (Many people don't realize that the police were also told this, just before they made the assault.)

So at least 63 of the Brothers from the Yard, who dared to defy the Rockefeller Gestapo which was murdering them by inches in Maximum security, now face a huge array of trumped-up charges as the State seeks to hold the victims of its crimes responsible for those very crimes. So far there are two murder cases. The first charges two Brothers, who were both 19 then and are of Native American extraction, with

murdering a guard who was actually trampled during the first takeover of "Times Square" by a large group. The other murder defendant is Dalou Asahi, a member of the Young Lords Party from New York City. He is charged with killing one of three inmates found stabbed when the prison was retaken. Others have said these three were killed by one who was himself killed by the police during the assault. Some Brothers believe the killers are inmates now acting as Stool Pigeons. Dalou was chosen because of his vocal defiance of the Prison Commissioner.

The biggest case has 18 defendants, each with 38 counts of kidnapping against him. The defendants in this case include — almost to a man — the Brothers chosen by their comrades to sit at the table and negotiate with the States, and to maintain security in the Yard. With 38 counts on each defendant, the State assumes the jury will conclude they must be guilty of something.

The mechanical proof offered by the state promises to be simple and devastating: The witnesses will all be guards or inmates bribed with promises of freedom. There will be many photographs and few identification problems, since the defendants were previously known to the guards. The defense will be that the actions of the Brothers were not criminal but fully justified by the inhuman treatment and conditions to which they had been subjected to for so long. To acquit, the jury will have to come to understand that oppression and racism and brutality left the brothers no alternative to rebellion; and that the taking of hostages was essential to having their grievances heard.

The cases will probably be transferred away from Wyoming County because the "Up South" white folks there will be heavily prejudiced against the Brothers.

National Lawyers Guild

when exposed to air. So, it is NOT contracted by contaminated toilet seats or in swimming pools, but is transmitted ONLY during sexual encounters — which may be either straight or gay.

When a man gets gonorrhea, he will usually know about it. The common symptoms are pain with urination followed by a yellowish pus from the penis. In women, however, the symptoms may be unnoticed or totally absent. About 80% of the women who have gonorrhea don't know it, and usually get treated only after their male sexual partner complains of symptoms, or — rarely — during a screening test which may be done routinely at the time of a pap smear. Because most women are symptomless, this creates a problem for lesbians, who may not have any heterosexual relations. Then, of course, there's be no male to complain about his symptoms. Furthermore, in high lesbian, all female groups (such as women's jails) the gonorrhea rate has been found to be about 12%, which is about 5 times higher than for the public as a whole. When women do present symptoms they may be any one or any combination of the following: lower abdominal pain, tenderness in the vaginal area, pain with urination, cramps, difficulty with her period or absence thereof, or an unusual vaginal discharge. All women should be aware of these signs and get medical attention as soon as they are noticed.

Women have another problem too about gonorrhea if they are taking birth control pills. Normally, if a woman has a single sexual encounter with an infected person, her chances of contracting the disease are about 40%. If however, she is taking birth control pills, the alkalinity of the vagina is increased and the chances of contracting gonorrhea increase to 100% with a single infected contact.

In males, gonorrhea is diagnosed by taking some of the pus from the penis and examining it under a microscope. A diagnosis can be made in 5 minutes. In fact, Gonodetectin is sold over the counter in drug stores and with this, a man can test himself for gonorrhea. In women, since there are always many microorganisms living peacefully within her vagina, the gonorrhea must be isolated. This is done by taking a vaginal discharge or scraping and growing it on a nutrient for a few days. Only then can a diagnosis be made.

Once diagnosed, gonorrhea is easily cured. All that is usually necessary is a single shot of penicillin or another antibiotic. Gonorrhea is treated FREE at two clinics operated by the Chicago Board of Health located at: 27 East 26th St., or 100 North Central Park (3600W.) Many family planning clinics also do free testing and treating, check with the nearest one to you.

Finally, a misconception commonly held is that

gonorrhea is not a serious disease. It is. In either sex, gonorrhea can cause sterility or gonococcal arthritis, a disease causing restricted and painful joint movement. A baby passing through an infected birth canal will become blind unless silver nitrate solution is dropped into the baby's eyes at birth. State law requires this in Illinois hospitals, but women practicing natural childbirth should certainly know if they are infected before delivering.

For centuries gonorrhea has affected the people but not until the 1900's has there been a simple cure. Now that one exists, many people are reluctant to get treated because they are embarrassed or think that it isn't serious. Furthermore, while the People's Republic Of China has all but eliminated the disease, the United States has an epidemic on its hands. This is due to the freer attitude of venereal disease in China and to the better care of the public as a whole. Considering the course and possible bad effects of the disease, it's a good idea to be treated if you suspect you may have contracted the disease. We are attempting to carry on a fight for change, but sometimes this fight is hampered by ill health. In order to carry it on, we must be healthy to fight for those changes.

—Paul Obis, Jr.

All The News That Fits

Keep your pot potent — keep it in the freezer. The Journal of the American Medical Association says that THC, the active ingredient in grass, steadily decomposes over time. The Journal reports that a stash of pot which was stored at room temperature over a two-year period lost at least one-sixth of its potency, but a stash kept at temperatures below freezing was as good as the day it was copped.

Now, who but the American Medical Association would keep good grass around for two years without smoking it.

Zodiac

Among the indirect casualties of the fighting in Vietnam have been millions of young children.

The South Vietnamese government has been spending two-thirds of its national budget on defense, and less than three percent of it on health care. As a result, nearly half of the 800,000 babies born in South Vietnam in the next 12 months will die before their sixth birthday.

—Zodiac

A native South American tribe, which once heavily populated the Brazilian and Paraguayan jungles, is now being threatened with extinction.

The Guayaki tribe of Paraguay are being hunted and gradually exterminated by "civilized" hunters and enslavers. Dispatch News Service International reports that during the past year, more than 100 Guayaki have been massacred in hunts or have died of sickness. These deaths have reduced the Guayaki population to levels at which reproduction would be nearly impossible.

Dispatch News reporter Alfred Hopkins states that a Guayaki hunt was organized last summer after some Paraguayan cattle died, and the natives were accused of killing them. According to Hopkins, a group of Guayaki were located on government land, and about 20 of them brutally killed — some of them reportedly hacked to pieces with machetes. Hopkins says that the children of the Guayaki are often captured alive, and then are sold to settlers who raise and "civilize" them.

Hopkins says that another hunt may be organized soon, which would result in extermination.

Zodiac

Approximately one-fifth of the 600,000 inmates in U.S. prisons are used as guinea pigs in medical and disease experiments.

According to testimony before a Senate subcommittee last week, one of the experiments conducted on prisoners involved the pouring of Johnson and Johnson's baby shampoo into the eyes of 20 inmates for 24 straight hours. In another experiment, 300 prisoners were deliberately infected with fungus, staph and other infectious bacteria. Members of 2 prisoner's civil rights groups appeared before the Senate Health Subcommittee and testified that volunteer prisoners were paid as little as \$3 per day to undergo dangerous tests.

Allan Lawson of the Prisoners' Rights Council charged that most prisoners were compelled to "volunteer" to take part in the tests in order to earn money for their families on the outside. Lawson called for a halt in the use of inmates in medical experiments, saying that many prisoners — desperate for money — had no choice but to volunteer for experiments that threatened their health, or even their lives.

Joseph Stetler, president of the Pharmaceutica' Manufacturer's Association, said he opposed the passage of specific laws controlling the conditions under which inmates could be used in drug experiments, and argued that the drug industry should monitor such experiments itself. Stetler acknowledged that 70 percent of the experiments involving human subjects for the first time involved inmates. He said that one of the advantages of using prisoners is that their diet, exercise and sleep can be controlled.

Other witnesses calling for stringent controls on experiments on prisoners cited a Kansas study in which numerous prisoners were deliberately infected with malaria.

—Zodiac

Navy seaman Patrick Chenoweth, charged with sabotaging the carrier USS Ranger last summer, has lost a round in court.

In a unanimous verdict handed down on March 13th, the US Court of Military Appeals ruled that Chenoweth will be sent to the Philippines to stand trial. His defense team had been attempting to block the transfer of the trial on a variety of legal grounds.

Chenoweth's attorney Eric Seitz, had argued that he himself faces possible arrest if he travels to the Philippines. Seitz is a member of the National Lawyers Guild, which is banned in the Philippines. Shortly after President Marcos declared martial law last year Marcos ordered the arrest and deportation of all Guild members.

In addition, the defense argued that the Navy was attempting to suppress coverage of the court martial by transferring it away from the US mainland to a military-controlled island in the middle of the Pacific.

The Navy claimed that moving the trial to the Philippines would make it easier for witnesses from the Ranger, which is off Vietnam, to be brought to court.

The decision is being appealed to a San Francisco federal court.

—Zodiac

The government of France officially banned a conference on amnesty organized by American anti-war exiles two days before it was to start on Feb 19th.

The Paris police order stated that the meeting could not take place because: "One of the countries participating in the 12-nation Conference on Vietnam schedules to open February 26 in Paris would be seriously embarrassed by a Conference held in Paris concerning the question of amnesty for its citizens."

Among the organizations expected to take part in the International Conference of Exiles for Amnesty were Safe Return, Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Southern Conference Educational Fund, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Union of American Exiles, Rita-Act, and Up From Exile.

A statement issued by 20 or so delegates who had already arrived before the ban attacked the US government propaganda on war resisters:

"Contrary to Nixon's deliberate distortions about the 'few hundred' anti-war exiles, there are in fact 60 — 100,000 of them. But the majority of war resisters are inside the U.S. where an estimated 200,000 live underground. Thousands are behind bars; many have court records; and over 50,000 of veterans have less than honorable discharges."

The statement went on to demand universal, unconditional amnesty (with no alternative service requirement or other punitive measures) not only for all military resisters and veterans, but also for "all people who are or have been in civilian and military prisons, or those who are sought for prosecution because of their opposition to the war — this includes a clearing of their records."

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Israel spends more money per citizen on defense than any other nation in the world.

In 1970, which is the last period when comparative figures were available, the Israeli government spent \$477 for every person in Israel for defense purposes. The United States was second with \$379 per person. These statistics come from a document called "World Military Expenditures" which is compiled from US Arms Control and Disarmament agency figures.

The report found that the United States, which spends approximately \$80 billion on defense each year, accounts for more than one-third of all defense spending in the world. In total defense spending, the Soviet Union is a distant second to the United States.

Some of the lowest defense spenders in the world are Japan and Iceland. Japan, though it is a major industrial power in the world, spends less than one percent of its gross national product on war needs. Iceland has no army, navy or air force; all Iceland has is a small coast guard consisting of five armed boats which protect the country's fishing fleet.

Zodiac

Eight leaders of the black South African student movement have been "banned" by the South African government because of their involvement in a strike of 50,000 black workers. In addition, several members of the Anti-Apartheid National Union of South African Students, a white student group, have been "banned" because of their support of student protests.

"Banning" is a law unique to South Africa. A "banned" person is required to return home immediately, to remain there, and to make no contact with anybody other than his or her immediate family. A "banned" person is forbidden to set foot in any educational institution, and is forbidden any access to the media. Statements of "banned" individuals may never be quoted — not even statements made in speeches or articles before the banning order. Unpersons.

Although "banning" is supposed to be self-enforced, the South African secret police keep track of all the unpersons.

Zodiac

Scientific researchers at UCLA's neuro-psychiatric Institute claim that they have literally photographed energy waves flowing from the hands of a human healer into a dying plant.

Dr. Thelma Moss and her research team have located dozens of people who emanate friendly waves which can revive dying plants. The researchers also found people with what they call "brown thumbs" — who are people whose energy waves cause plants to shrink and die.

The UCLA experimenters have been using a photographic process that enables them to film the "Aura" or "Life energy waves" given off by living things. These waves, which appear as a rosy glow around a live leaf, steadily lose their intensity when a leaf is cut from a plant and left to die.

In the laboratory, healers — or even people with green thumbs — have held their hands above a dying leaf without touching it. Photos taken of the healing process show energy waves flowing from the fingertips of the healer into the sick leaf. After this kind of treatment is administered, the leaf is temporarily revitalized, and its aura waves are measurably increased.

UCLA has also discovered that people with brown thumbs have the opposite effect on plants. When a brown thumb holds his or her and over a leaf, energy seems to be drawn away from the leaf.

The researchers admit that they have no explanation for the aura phenomenon; but they add that a common complaint among brown thumb people is that in their presence electronic gadgets often fail for no apparent reason.

Zodiac

General Maxwell D Taylor, on the question of 'The people's right to know':

"I don't believe in this as a general principle. You have to talk about cases. What is a citizen going to do after reading these documents [the Pentagon Papers] that he wouldn't have done otherwise? A citizen should know the things he needs to know to be a good citizen and discharge his functions, but not to get into secrets that damage his government and indirectly damage himself."

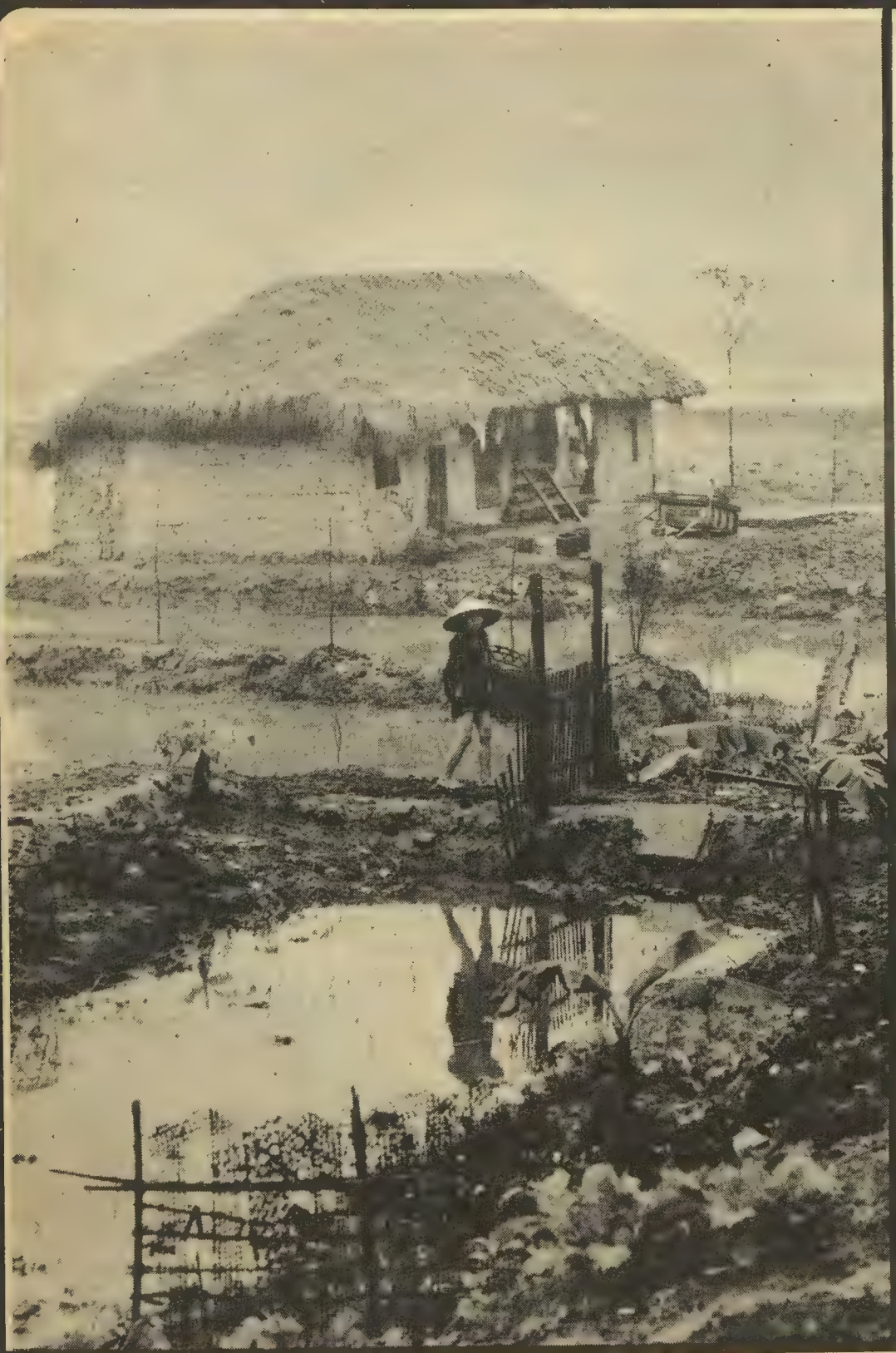
Quoted in Deadline for the Media, by James Aronson.

Two American servicemen who had been sentenced to three years in prison for simply handing out anti-war leaflets, have had their convictions reversed.

Kenneth Stolte and Donald Amick had been sentenced to three years in a federal pen last year after being convicted of taking part in a "disloyal" protest at the Fort Ord Army base in California. The two had been accused of breaking the military's disloyalty code because they had passed out about 150 anti-war leaflets to fellow GI's.

A Washington DC federal court reversed the conviction on the grounds that the army was interfering with the two men's right to free speech. The court also found that the word "disloyal" was "inherently ambiguous."

—Zodiac



Waking up to the Sounds of Death

John is a member of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War. He served with the Marines in Vietnam. After getting his discharge, he returned to Vietnam, married a Vietnamese woman and farmed rice.

He is finishing a book about his experiences, and the Vietnamese people's day to day lives.

Peace with honor? Cease-fire in Vietnam? No more war? Victory? These questions should be carefully considered by every American citizen on an individual basis. An attempt to answer these most serious questions will be the subject of this article.

To begin with I will introduce myself. My name is John, I spent a considerable length of time in Vietnam. I am an American. I was first introduced to Vietnam through the United States Marine Corps, and spent a year there as a Marine. I was very fortunate in being sent there. I quickly acquired a real sense of vision, unlike most of the racist, "super human" GI's. I met and fell in love with a Vietnamese woman, through her I was able to absorb a bit of her wonderful culture and proud heritage. Eventually I began living with her family, all the time being hated and perhaps feared by my commanders and many of my fellow GI's. As time went by I was even loved by my wife's family and some other close friends of the family. Then I was forced to leave Vietnam and the Marine Corps.

On my arrival in the U.S. I almost immediately bought a return ticket back to the people and the land I had come to love. I lived on my father-in-law's farm where I learned to love myself as well as others. I learned to grow rice and become close to nature and I also learned the meaning of oppression. I learned to accept the fear of going to sleep at night and not knowing if I would wake up to the sounds of death, human beings screaming in terror of their homes being burned or the wailing sound of a mother who has lost her child.

The thumping sound of my American brother's artillery or bombs were common sounds at night. My dear brother-in-law is one of the many courageous young men who are still imprisoned simply because of

their political beliefs. Rather than fight his brothers to the north or his brothers with the NLF who are trying to free him and also in disgust with death, he chooses to be confined and beaten by the cruel prison guards of Nguyen Van Thieu's puppet army and the ignorant members of the American Military's C.I.D. Four of the past five years he, like so many other Vietnamese people, has been in and out of prison.

I've seen many homeless girls, also women with large families whose ancestral villages have been destroyed by the U.S. Military turned into prostitutes in order merely to exist. These families who have been forced to flee from their burning homes have for thousands of years been farmers. Growing rice is what they know and love best. The American invaders sympathizingly provide living quarters for them however. Their homes are usually in a completely different part of the country and built with C ration boxes fastened together with wire onto tent stakes. What choice does the head of a family with nine or ten children have? Usually he goes to work for the very people who are oppressing him and who caused his terrible situation, the Americans. He works for thirty dollars a month at jobs like burning American shit or scrubbing mess hall floors, he digs garbage pits thirty feet deep and constantly takes physical as well as verbal abuse from his most generous employers. His sons sell dope along with his wife to again, the Americans. His daughters, if not prostitutes, buy and sell cigarettes, coke, beer, anything that has value on the black market. If there is an American garbage dump nearby then the family salvages whatever they can from it, including rotten food.

What about the "Free" and "Democratic" government in the south headed by the "Honorable" Mr. Nguyen Van Thieu?

Whenever any Vietnamese buys anything other than food he is required to pay a three hundred a peace with honor? After the rape of an entire people what honor is left? Is the war really over? The political machine that the United States Government had created with the tyrant Nguyen Van Thieu as it's head is still being supported by the Nixon administration. The American owned, Vietnamese puppet, Mr. Nguyen Van

per cent sales tax on the item. A tax as all other taxes in Vietnam that goes into the pocket of Mr. Nguyen Van Thieu. Neutrality is outlawed in the south by strict laws, including imprisonment for an indefinite period of time, or most likely, death by a firing squad. So if you don't vote or have a picture of Thieu and a "South Vietnamese" flag waving in your house, you are considered to be a neutralist. If a Vietnamese person under Thieu's regime doesn't constantly carry an ID card with him he goes to jail until he is shot or can come up with a sizable amount of money to pay his way out. If he is on the streets or even on the narrow paths of his small hamlet after eleven PM or before six AM he risks being shot or again imprisoned and beaten. If a Vietnamese person wants to travel to a place other than his own community or district he must first obtain a document of permission from the equivalent of a mayor stating where he is going, why, for how long, and how he is going there. After obtaining permission from his "Mayor" he must then have the paper signed and sealed by the equivalent of a county chairman. All of this of course depends on the amount of money he gives to the two men as far as speed and the granting of permission goes. Upon arrival at his destination he must then go to the same officials in that sector and get their seals. When he is ready to go back to his home he must do the same, and on his arrival home he must once again report back to his own government officials.

On inflation in Vietnam, south of the 17th parallel: I have personally witnessed the price of rice, among many other items, skyrocket in the past five years. My family and friends have also told me stories of the cost of living before the American occupation. Fifteen years ago for five hundred Dong you could have a house built — today the same house would cost nearly one million Dong! Fifteen years ago it would cost from forty to fifty Dong to feed a family of ten — today ten thousand wouldn't be enough!

I have also had experience working with a civilian corporation in Vietnam. I was the lowest paid American worker there. My wages were eight hundred dollars a month, I was also tax exempt. I was put in charge of a team consisting of three highly talented Vietnamese men at a job which I knew nothing about. They carried me through and taught me as much as they could, yet my racist superiors put me in charge simply because I am an American. The highest paid of the three that were working with me was receiving

eighty dollars a month, ten times less than myself! The highest paid Vietnamese worker at this certain corporation, Vinnell Corporation to be exact, only received one hundred dollars a month.

Again, after what I've just written, can this be Thieu, along with the U.S. owned American civilian corporations are still continuing their genocidal tactics in Vietnam. American workers employed by several of the U.S. corporations in Vietnam were being laid off at a tremendous rate during the past months, now since the treaty has been signed these same corporations are re-hiring the same people and more. As long as Thieu still holds his illegal office in Saigon the people in Vietnam will still be exploited and turned into slaves by the American corporations taking what rightfully belongs to the Vietnamese people, turning it into profit and American "Greenback" money. As long as Thieu still continues to hold office in Vietnam its people will still be forced to suffer the same political oppression the country has known for hundreds of years.

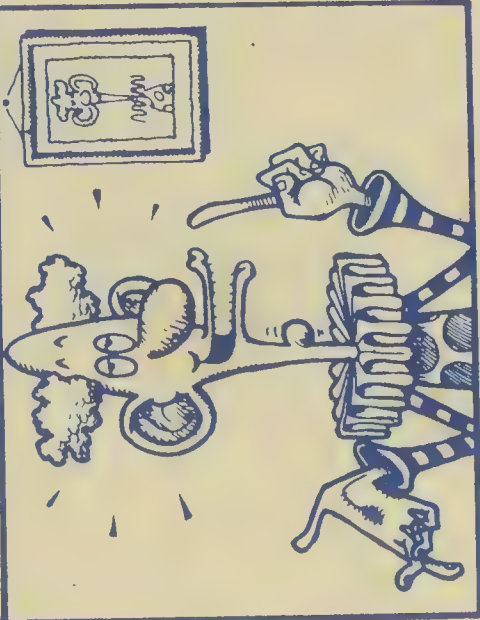
Victory? Yes! Victory to the Vietnamese people! Victory rather than defeat for bringing the United States and Richard Nixon to its knees through a complete military defeat. The American Military, a power that the world has come to know and fear as the strongest power on earth until now. Now the whole of the people on earth can be inspired with what is even greater than all the military strength in the world, the power of the people, the power of the spirit and truth that shone and is continuing to shine through the Vietnamese people and the people of the world. The Vietnamese people have proved to the world that right rules over might!

With all the injustices, to say the least, and all the deaths caused by Americans, the Vietnamese people still do not hate us! I was accepted and am loved for who I am — a human being.

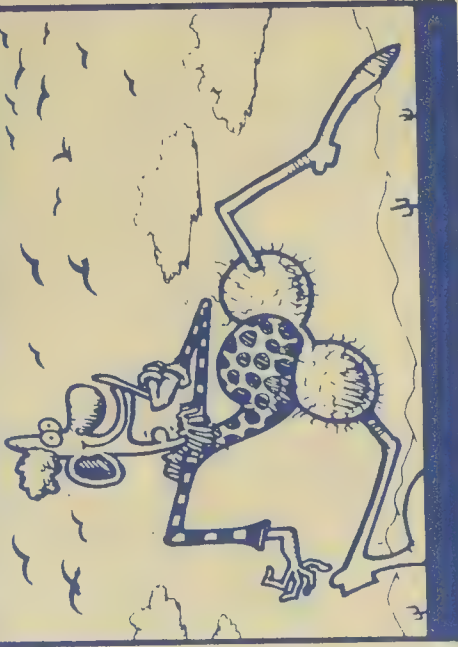
Now the war in Vietnam continues, but the Vietnamese people along with our support will surely bring imperialism to a swift halt, and soon Vietnam will be one again, united in a spirit of truth. Victory to the Vietnamese people! Victory to the peoples of the world!

DON'T BLOW THE WHISTLE!

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IT'S NOT VERY HARD TO MAKE IT:



YOU JUST WAIT UNTIL A TIME OF
TOTAL SILENCE AND THEN BREAK IT.



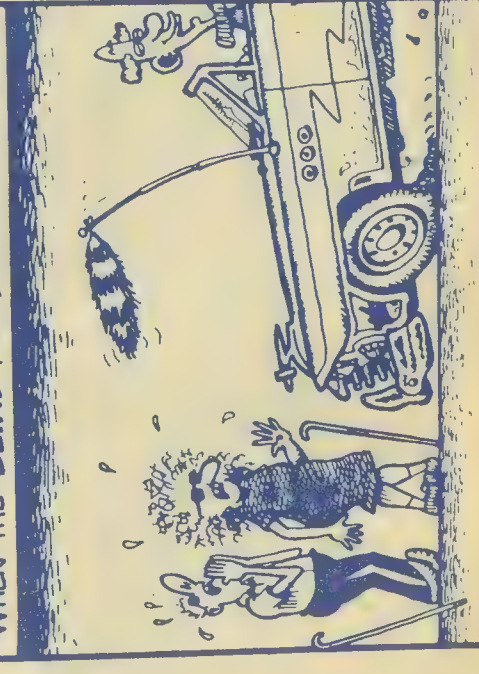
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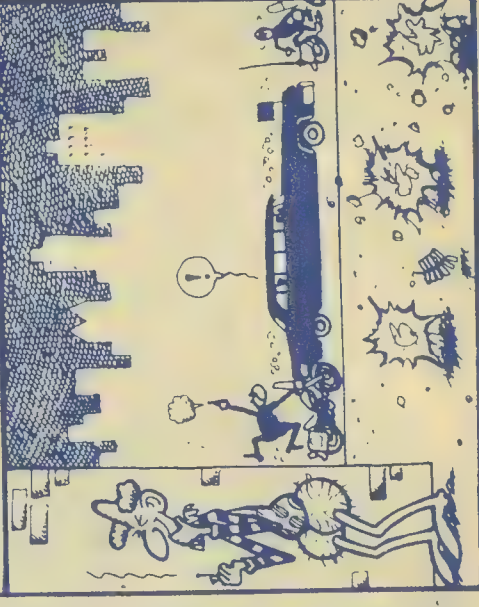
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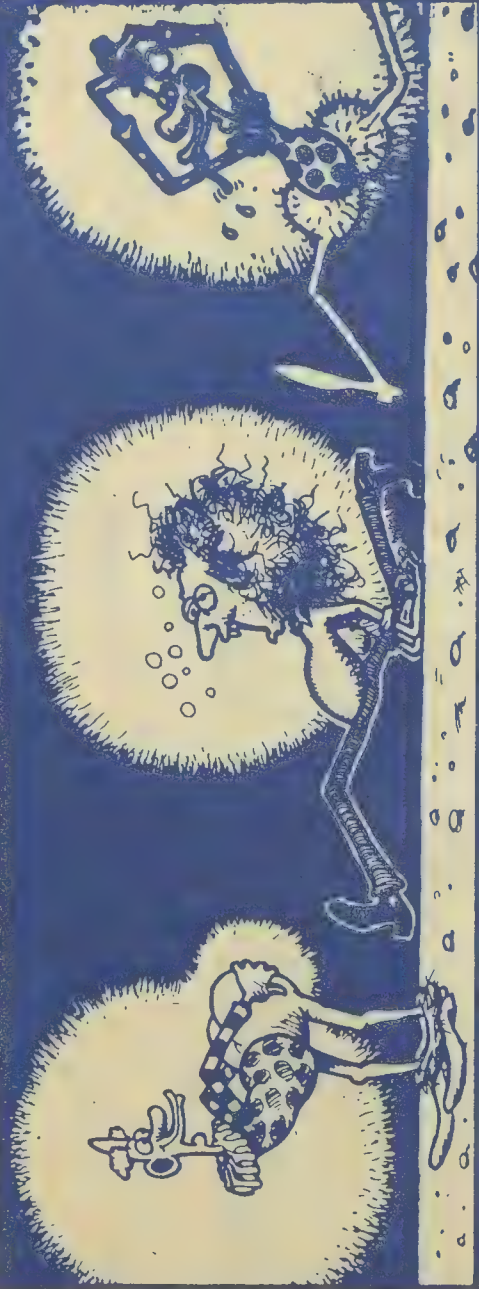
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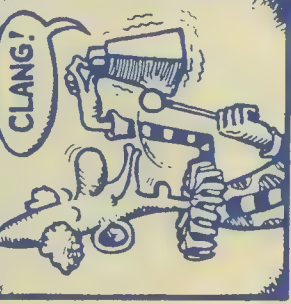
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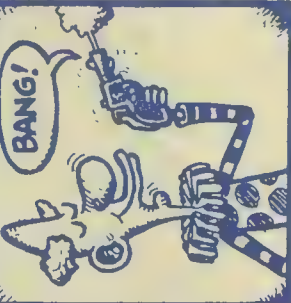
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DON'T YOU BLOW
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OH, DON'T BLOW
THAT WHISTLE...



PLEASE DON'T BLOW
THAT WHISTLE...



DON'T BLOW THAT OLD WHISTLE...



DON'T BLOW THE WHISTLE ON MEEEEEEEEE !!!!!



Gilbert Shelton 12-72

All The News That Fits

A New York Jesus Freak was killed and eaten by a gargoyle in front of St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, March 31st.

The young man, identified as Norman Ellison, 25, of New York City, was attacked by the gargoyle while handing out Bibles to passersby. Police say that witnesses made no attempt to help the man as he struggled in the grip of the monster, but that some of them "cheered the monster on".

After eating the victim, the gargoyle flew off in an undetermined direction, losing itself in the heavy traffic. Police have issued a warning to all religiously oriented persons in New York and surrounding areas, warning them that they should report any suspicious munchings to the proper authorities.

LSD

The trials of the Kitty Hawk sailors are now under way, and the brass is proving to be as racist in the trials as they were on the ship. Of the twelve blacks court martialed so far only one has been acquitted.

The judges have repeatedly shown favoritism to the prosecution. In the case of Lawrence Wommack charged with two counts of assault and two counts of riot, the chief prosecution witness' testimony in a previous trial had been discredited. Nonetheless, the judge refused to allow this fact into evidence at Wommack's trial.

There is some reason to believe that the prosecution has been fabricating evidence in some of the cases. For example, the attorney for William Taylor, one of the defendants, noted that "One witness I interviewed couldn't remember if Taylor had a club in his hand or not. Later, after he was interviewed by the prosecution, Taylor had a club in his hand." A number of prosecution witnesses have been given comfortable jobs in the San Diego area.

The defendants have in general been kept in confinement pending trial. Thus, even those facing relatively minor charges, have already spent several months in the brig. Moreover, some of them have been accumulating charges stemming from their time in the brig. Nelson Mouton, for example, had two charges stemming from the Kitty Hawk dropped, but was convicted on two charges stemming from the brig: showing disrespect, and assaulting a brig officer.

Evidence has come out in the trial which contradicts the brass' assertion that Blacks attacked whites indiscriminately during the riot. On prosecution witness testified that some whites were consciously not hassled. He didn't understand, he said, but he saw two whites released as one black sailor said, "Hey man they're cool, let them go."

The Christian Crusade Weekly, a publication put out by a branch of the Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, announced last fall that it was launching a nationwide campaign to keep the movie "Woodstock" from being shown on TV.

CBS had scheduled the film for April 19th. Last week the editor of the Christian Crusade proudly announced the outcome of the battle: CBS had informed the newspaper by letter that the showing had been cancelled.

In an open letter to CBS last fall, the Jesus rag had charged that "Woodstock" will only reinforce drug-oriented youths in their hell-bent activities, giving them the aura of respectability, whereas in reality what these potheads need are reprimand, discipline and conversion."

CBS vice president Thomas Stafford insisted that a letter-writing campaign launched by the fundamentalist right-wingers played no part in the cancellation decision. He stated that the movie was cancelled solely because of editing and production difficulties created by a strike of broadcasting technicians against CBS. This contradicts what CBS said four months ago. Then they claimed that Woodstock had been fully edited for television and had been reduced in length from four to three hours. The network described this process as "sanitizing" the film.

In a statement to CBS after the cancellation was announced, Crusade editor David Noebel hailed the decision as a great victory over a movie that was "Dirty, smelly, icky and lousy."

Zodiac

Believe it or not, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is actually developing cows that give "polyunsaturated milk."

Animal meats and dairy products are normally loaded with "saturated fats" — a kind of fat which many doctors believe is a health hazard. Polyunsaturated fats are believed to be more easily digestible and to be less harmful to the cardio-vascular systems of humans. However, until the U.S.D.A. began experimenting, unsaturated fats were found only in vegetable products.

But now the Agriculture Research Service has developed a special feed for dairy cows that protects the food from undergoing certain chemical changes as it is digested and becomes milk in a cow's udder. The result is polyunsaturated milk.

There's still one problem, however: The U.S.D.A. reports that the polyunsaturated milk tastes so foul it is undrinkable.

No mention of what it does to the cows.

Zodiac

The New York Times reports that the Cambodian Army is so riddled with corruption that the government has literally been paying the monthly salaries of 100,000 soldiers who do not exist.

According to reports from Phnom Penh, recent audits of the Cambodian army payroll have discovered that at least one-third of all the soldiers receiving checks are fictitious and that their \$2 million monthly payroll is going instead into the pockets of Cambodian military commanders. Several of the high-ranking military leaders who had been illegally pocketing this money learned of the audit last month; so they began reporting incredible desertion rates among their men one of them claiming that 733 of his 1100 soldiers had suddenly deserted in the past month.

The money that is being stolen by the Cambodian military chiefs is coming directly from the \$300 million in military aid that is provided annually by United States taxpayers. Several Cambodian leaders told the Times that it would be impossible to jail all of the military leaders who are guilty of grafting; they said the corruption was so widespread that the Cambodian army would immediately collapse if all guilty leaders were arrested.

Zodiac

A coalition of conservative organizations met in Washington D.C. in December to launch a crusade to "clean up the moral pollution of Television."

The group appeared to have the support of the Nixon administration. Among those in attendance at meetings which criticized "permissiveness" on Television were Federal Communications Commissioner Robert E. Lee and U.S. Surgeon General Jesse Steinfeld. They urged the more than 500 women who were present to write to television stations, to complain to the F.C.C., and to boycott advertisers who sponsor "morally polluting" shows on television. Helen Bentley, the chairwoman of the Federal Maritime Commission, told the gathering: "Why not use television as the tool to help restore morality, patriotism, pride of the individual and of country. In a word, TV can literally be used to sell America."

Some of the groups in attendance were the Back to God Movement, the Catholic United Front, Accuracy in the Media, The Way of Faith Fellowship, and Parents Who Care.

Zodiac

Workshops, films and videotapes, an art exhibit, a community-style dinner, a dance and an outdoor rock concert are some of the activities scheduled for Gay Conference, May 4-6, called by the Ohio Gay Pride Committee, a coalition of gay groups from around the state.

Among the workshops topics will be legal reforms, community centers, small town gays, counseling, new research in social and behavioral sciences, gay studies and prison solidarity. Sunday will open with a rally and march.

The registration fee is \$3. Get in touch with the Committee at 1739 N. High Street, No. 3, Columbus, Ohio, 43201. Indicate if housing is needed.

Due to lack of transportation, widescale use of herbicides, and forced mobility caused by frequent bombing, an urgent need for Vitamin C has arisen in the liberated areas of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea. Vitamin C is found in fruits and leafy vegetables and is essential for the prevention and treatment of scurvy.

The Chicago Committee for the Liberation of Angola, Mozambique and Guinea is organized to educate in the US about the liberation struggles and to raise active support for them. We are undertaking a campaign to collect and send Vitamin C to the liberation organizations. We need your support for this project.

Throughout this country Vitamin C is easily and inexpensively obtainable. We are collecting, repackaging and shipping Vitamin C at periodic intervals; the first shipment went out of February 4, the anniversary of the beginning of armed struggle by the MPLA in Angola.

You can help by contributing as much Vitamin C as possible, preferably in 250mg dosages in plastic amber bottles. IMPORTANT: Be sure that the dosage per tablet is clearly labeled on the container. If you have access to Vitamin C in powder form or large quantities, please get in touch with us.

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Charles Cherepak, a part-time botanist from Passaic New Jersey, was arrested recently on charges of growing a marijuana plant — in the midst of his numerous other plants. Cherepak presented his own evidence and other test results conducted by a Rutgers University chemist which indicated that New Jersey's grass tests may be invalid. He introduced chemical tests which showed that other plant substances — including the spice thyme — registered positive on a test for cannabis, even though the plants did not contain even a trace of the chemical. It is Cherepak's contention that the state has not been identifying pot in a valid way, and that police may have been busting innocent people for holding legal plant substances.

The Passaic court, however, did not believe Cherepak, and his case is now being appealed.

—Zodiac.

A Rand Corporation study is recommending that dozens of nearly-submerged nuclear power plants — called "flopps (appropriate name) be constructed and floated off the West Coast.

Rand argues that the flopps — or floating power plants — would be safer than land-based plants because they would not be affected by severe earthquakes. They propose that the plants be built in structures shaped like giant beer bottles. The flopps would be almost completely submerged under water so that only the neck of the bottle would be above water.

Each bottle would be 50 feet wide and 300 feet deep. Rand says that the flopps would be built so that they could be completely lowered beneath the water in case of an emergency — such as an impending collision with a ship. (can you imagine the results of a collision between a flopp and a super-tanker?)

—Zodiac

Pan American World Airways had a crash program under way in Oakland California to build a custom jet airplane for President Thieu of South Vietnam.

Pan Am is totally redesigning the interior of a Boeing 707 and is equipping it with a single, giant throne-like seat. The plush plane, being built under contract with the South Vietnamese government, also includes four sleeper berths in the forward section. According to Pan Am officials, the throne takes up about as much space as is usually occupied by four first-class seats.

Delivery is expected within two weeks — which means the plane will be ready to carry Thieu to the United States for his meeting with Nixon later this spring. Or to get him to Switzerland in a hurry.

—Zodiac

Ireland and the Curse of Nationalism

"Get rid of the terrorists and let the working-class people get together. Protestant and Catholic, we've both suffered. The gentry has run this country too long, and we've never got anything out of it but troubles. But I'm afraid things have gone too far for that now. We've got to be ready to defend ourselves."

—A Protestant Militant

"Official policy is to fight for the ordinary working-class people, Catholic and Protestant, and against the gentry that has robbed us both so long. The Official Republican Movement goes out of its way to condemn civilian and sectarian bombing that has driven a wedge between the working classes of this country. . . Yes but otherwise, its going to be civil war. We are ready to defend our neighborhoods."

—An Official IRA Militant.

In Ireland, the poorest country in western Europe, with the lowest standard of living, those who should be struggling together are killing one another instead. The working people of Ireland remain divided despite their own admitted common interests. Why?

Back in 1897, James Connolly said, "Remove the British and raise the tri-color over Dublin Castle tomorrow, and Ireland's problems will remain, because Ireland's problems are economic and social."

Ireland's problems, north and south, remain economic and social. Both Protestant and Catholic militants agree on this. Both Protestant and Catholic militants call for a working class solidarity. Both SAY that they would like to see Irish workers, Protestant and Catholic, stand shoulder to shoulder against poverty, unemployment, and the "gentry" — the landlords, foreign investors, factory owners and bosses. Why then does this senseless and destructive terrorism go on?

In part the answer lies in the way the Protestant and Catholic working people have been deliberately kept segregated and in a perpetual state of mutual distrust. Blatant discrimination in housing and hiring practices and in fundamental civil rights on the part of the government of Northern Ireland has



well served to divide the workers, remind them of cultural and ethnic differences, and play one group off against the other. This division of the working class serves the interest of that "gentry" who so clearly have a day of reckoning due when the working people of Ireland unite in their own economic and social interests. And the gentry it is — of Ulster, Britain, and Eire — who are now in control of the destinies of the Irish people.

But the entire blame for the bloody and tragic division of the people of Ulster does not rest with the government of Northern Ireland or even with the

British. They have two powerful, subversive allies — the divisive forces of nationalism and organized religion. And the furnace is so well stoked now that those who would divide the Irish workers have only to stand back and fan the flames a bit; the hate mongers will do the rest.

The Protestant worker fears that the Catholic worker would unite Ulster with the Roman Catholic state of Eire, that his children would then have to go to the state supported Catholic schools, and that his cultural heritage and religion would be suppressed. The Catholic worker fears that the Protestant majority will continue to discriminate against him because of his faith and ethnic background, and shut him out of any economic gain. The fears of BOTH are justified so long as the forces of nationalism and religious chauvinism blind people to other alternatives.

This is NOT to say that any group should have to deny its cultural identity, only that no group should try to force its cultural identity on someone else. It is not necessary for all the people within a given geographic area to conform to the same culture. The working people in Ireland need to ally to achieve political and economic justice. It is not necessary for them to keep the same holidays, sing the same songs, or even speak the same language to do this. It is necessary however, to keep these things in perspective. And this is hard to do when flagwaving nationalists beat the drums of civil war, when the Roman Catholic Church continues to insist on state religion and church control of schools and culture wherever Catholics are in the majority, and when bigots are allowed to climb to positions of power over anyone.

That is why we say that THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS PROGRESSIVE NATIONALISM. And so long as militant organizations encourage, emphasize, and attempt to use nationalism and religious chauvinism as organizing tools, there will remain the division, misunderstanding and bloodshed. So long as workers let themselves be divided by these false issues, they are laible and likely to lose sight of their true, common interests.

—The James Connolly Combination

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News release. March 32, 1973: "The Nixon Administration today asked Congress for sweeping changes in the United States criminal code, including a crackdown of obscenity and a narrowing of the definition of insanity when used as a defense. It would be the first full revision of the federal criminal statutes since 1790. . . The new code would define obscenity as 'an explicit representation, or detailed written or verbal description of an act of sexual intercourse. . . or violence indicating a sadomasochistic sexual relationship; an explicit, close-up representation of a human genital organ.'"

The month of March saw the beginnings of the new Republican Renaissance. The above item is only one example. Every day in the news, new schemes of our current crop of social engineers hatch. Nixon and Rockefeller want the death penalty resurrected. The government, despite investigations by its own appointed committees, wants both marijuana and pornography to be illegal.

A few years ago, nostalgia was a kinky little fad wherein one picked out the favorite decade of one's past and collected the junk from it. Comic books, toys, movie magazines, records — all the discards from youth were pulled out of garbage cans and attics and put in glass cases and plastic bags. Various commentators viewed this as indicative of a mass rejection of modern times, as a lust for "better" years when things were not so complicated. I do not know of anyone who has not been affected by this phenomena. Older people have gotten into old radio shows and movies from the '30's and '40's; younger people got out their old Beatlemania gear.

All this is relatively harmless, except when someone in power is sitting around watching an old crime movie and gets the nostalgia bite after the lights dim three times. Ahh. . . those were the days when good and bad were as clearly defined as black and white, when sex was "sacred" and reserved for mar-

riage, when pornography was kept in the tackle box where it belonged. Those were the days of Rugged Individualism when all the Rugged Individualists went to church and freedom of religion did not mean freedom from religion. America was wonderful back then, all was well in the Western world and all that was wonderful had to be defended from the satanic Jewish/Chinese communist hordes (and pinkoes).

My pet theory is that the 1950's are coming back. Think about it for a minute. American society is beginning to recover from a disastrous land war on foreign soil which has been "ended" by an ambiguous cease-fire. Marriage is more popular than ever. Various forms of Christianity are once again in vogue, precursing what I expect to be a mass religious revival. College students are once again becoming career oriented; enrollment in sociology is down, business administration is where its at. Interest in the classical languages has increased after a decline during the '60's. (by the way, when was the last time you heard someone bitch about something because "it isn't relevant?")

Pornography is coming under fire, much to the relief of some feminist organizations as well as the Citizens for Decent Literature. "Deep Throat" is being closed down all over the country, most recently here in Chicago as the result of a direct order from hizzoner. A couple of weeks ago, a group of irate Roman Catholics led by Alderman Reverend Lawler attempted to ransack a local porn store.

All this brings back images of the '50's to me. Remember when you would read how an irate mother or father would walk into a drugstore and pour glue over girly magazines? Remember how the cops would confiscate a batch of stag movies to comfort a concerned community?

Going steady and high school rings, short hair . . the signs of stagnation are everywhere. The syrupy rosiness of the '50's where Father Knows Best and everyone will grow up to be Dr. and Mrs. Stone is coming back. What do you expect after ten years of

Peanuts posters and Rod McKeun? Cosmic consciousness?

Where does this leave the crochety remnants of the '60's?

What is left of the "Movement" has gone the way of all religions. After the apocalypse of the latter years of the decade when we were all waiting for the birth of a new world and a new man and woman to populate it — only to find out it was Charlie Manson and his harem — mass defection occurred leaving the few remaining True Believers to join the fundamentalist sect of their choice according to their own peculiar interpretations of revolutionary scripture.

This entropic process has not excluded the Seed by any means. I personally view the underground press as an anachronism, a constructive anachronism, but belonging to another time and another consciousness nevertheless. Most people who continue to read the underground press are anachronisms themselves. One of the unifying forces that characterized the alternate press was the ability to preach to its readers in article after article, issue after issue. Almost everyone got tired of this, readers and writers alike. This is evidenced by the fact that all the original hippie newspapers that inundated the country in the late 1960's are gone — except for the Seed.

If my theory is correct, we should see the next Human Be-In by 1986 or so. In the meantime, I'm going to get my khakies pressed, grease back my hair, dust off *Catcher in the Rye*, put up a poster of James Dean and get drunk on Thunderbird wine in my fallout shelter. Maybe in a few years I'll get around to reading *Revolution For the Hell of It* and want to tear the world apart.

The fifties are back, folks (WOMP BAMMA LOOMA BELLOM BAMBAM!!!) —and don't forget: its not the heat, its the humidity.

—Bill Martin

All The News That Fits

A medical expert in viruses and microbiology, who directed chemical and biological research for the Pentagon during World War II, has labeled the use of many insecticides on US food crops as "Idiotic and critically dangerous."

The doctor making these statements is Murray Sanders, the head of the Sanders Medical Research Foundation in Delray Beach, Florida. Dr. Sanders was one of several officers who conducted experiments during WW II with nerve gases to prepare for possible defenses against them. He warns that Organophosphates — a family of chemicals which is sprayed on food crops in the US — are chemically identical to nerve gases.

Organophosphates have been receiving some adverse publicity recently because crops of lettuce from California and Arizona have been contaminated by two different insecticides within the past three months. One of these pesticides is a chemical called "Monitor-4" — and the second is called "Phosdrin." The Food and Drug Administration finally confirmed United Farmworker's charges that contaminated lettuce was being sold to the consumers. (Of course, YOU didn't eat any, did you. You're supposed to be boycotting lettuce.)

Research into the contamination problem, however, is raising more questions than it is answering. A number of chemical experts are voicing outright horror over the fact that Organophosphates are being used at all.

Said Dr. Sanders: "These chemicals are absolutely deadly. They are derivatives of nerve gases. They simply should not be sprayed into the environment." Dr. Sanders said that diluting the chemicals down to even one-millionth the typical dose fails to protect the environment. (And the people who pick the crops are in the worst position of all.)

Under present rules set by the Environmental Protection Agency, the use of insecticides is permitted after certain tests have been made. However, these tests are conducted — not by the federal government — but by the companies which manufacture them. The EPA, in permitting the use of a certain chemical, merely reviews the test results submitted by the private company. The EPA admits that it does not have the time or money to conduct its own independent tests.

Ironically, while there have been outcries recently over the use of Monitor-4 and Phosdrin, there has been little mention of the most widely used insecticide of all — Parathion. Parathion is also an Organophosphate poison — and the EPA reports that it has been approved for use on dozens of US food crops.

—Zodiac

Police in Hollywood California killed a Saint Bernard dog January 4th which had partially eaten its master.

Police say that the dog escaped from a house they were investigating on a tip from a neighbor. Officers said they found the body of William Fields inside the house — and that Fields had apparently died of natural causes a few days earlier. A police spokesman said that the dog had taken several bites out of his master's chest and forehead.

Neighbors reported that Fields had intentionally made the dog vicious by periodically using a baseball bat on him.

After the dog escaped from the house, police sealed off the area. The cops say they were forced to shoot the St. Bernard when it returned home and lunged at one of the cops.

Zodiac

In the small town of Red Wing, Minnesota, there is a drinking club called the "International Order of Redmen," more commonly referred to as "The Redmen's Club."

The club is one of the oldest lodges in America. Among its activities is a regular "pow wow," for which members of the Order of Redmen get dressed up like Hollywood Indians.

An Indian for a reservation located just outside Redwing applied for membership in the Redmen's Club recently, but he was turned down quickly. The Redmen's Club has a "whites only" policy.

—Zodiac

Ralph Nader has released a 300-page report charging that the Forest Service is controlled by U.S. timber interests — and that the Forest Service is ignoring conservation and recreation.

Nader's report, entitled "The Last Stand," charges that current federal logging plans "will result in the destruction of millions of acres of potential wilderness and recreation areas." The report was especially critical of proposals by a recent commission appointed by Nixon; that commission recommended that the Timber industry be allowed to increase its annual harvest of trees by 50% in government owned forests.

Nader said that the Office of Management and Budget, an arm of the White House, has consistently favored the timber companies at the expense of conservationists. Nader's written report revealed the following decisions by the Office of Management and Budget (the OMB) in 1970:

- * The OMB completely refused the Forest Service's requested increase of \$3.6 million for "reforestation."

- * The Forest Service requested an \$8.7 million increase for "recreation" on Forest Service land; the OMB cut the figure to a mere \$300,000.

- * While these cuts were occurring, a Forest Service request for \$2.5 million for "Timber sales administration and management" was increased instead to \$5.8 million.

- * And a Forest Service request for \$9.4 million to build timber roads in forests was increased by the OMB to \$17.5 million.

Zodiac

The Air Force's controversial C-5A transport plane is made up of thousands of untested, bootlegged parts — making the plane unsafe to fly.

This is the conclusion of a secret Air Force study which has been obtained by the Congressional Quarterly. The Air Force began a quiet investigation of the problems plaguing the C5A shortly after the plane was strongly criticized by former cost-accounting expert Ernest Fitzgerald. The Air Force report discovered that Lockheed Aircraft Company workers were instructed continuously to use bootlegged, bogus parts in the C-5A's without even testing them. The Air Force says that the bootlegging was carried out as the plane fell far behind its production schedule in the late 1960's. According to numerous affidavits submitted to the Air Force by Lockheed workers, there were dozens and dozens of instances when original C-5A parts either failed or were destroyed accidentally. However, instead of re-ordering and remaking new parts, Lockheed workers were often told to bootleg parts from other Lockheed warehouses. These parts had never been tested for the stresses and strains the C-5A is scheduled to undergo.

One worker described the sources of these bootleg parts as "Waste or residue material (which) was available by the hundreds of dollies full." Another worker described the plane as a "flying coffin" and insisted he would never fly in one.

The Air Force recently completed payments to Lockheed on the C-5A totalling \$56 million for each of 81 planes. The original contract called for a cost of just \$28 million per plane.

—Zodiac

In case Four More Years isn't enough for you, a recently formed committee, Citizens for Nixon in '76, is planning to start a campaign to repeal the 22nd amendment which limits any one person from serving more than two consecutive terms as president.

The Wall Street Journal reports that the committee has hired a New York advertising firm to run the campaign, which will begin July 4th. The committee hopes to raise \$4 million for the effort.

The names of the committee members remain secret for the time being because, according to the president of the advertising firm, "premature disclosure" would subject them to undue pressures.

A White House spokesman has asserted that he "doesn't know a damn thing about the group," but the committee claims to have a channel to Nixon. They say they are waiting for a favorable sign from Nixon before they start a state-by-state drive.

—Ins

The Justice Department is off chasing the Weatherpeople again. They're going to reopen their San Francisco grand jury investigation March 26th.

The Internal Security Division of the Justice Department has recalled three of the 16 witnesses who were subpoenaed last fall and is requiring them to appear again. In addition, the National Grand Jury Defense Office reports that a new witness, identified by them only as a young Baton Rouge, Louisiana man, was served a subpoena this week and ordered to testify in San Francisco March 26th.

The US Attorney's office has indicated that a number of other witnesses from various parts of the country will be subpoenaed to San Francisco soon.

—Zodiac

A new York Congressman has charged that the United States is selling hundreds of tons of chemical herbicides to the governments of South Africa and Portugal, and that those governments are using the herbicides to wipe out the food supplies of black Africans.

Rep. Charles Rangel said that the herbicide sales are being carried out by the Nixon administration "in violation of international law." Rangel presented figures which showed that during the first six months of last year, one and a half million pounds of various crop-killing chemicals were sold to the 2 countries.

Rangel charged that these governments are using the chemicals for "A massive spraying of food crops" against liberation movements in Africa. He cited recent news reports of 1300 Angolan civilians fleeing their country because of food shortages caused by poison crops. Rangel further charged that some of the chemicals being used may cause death in young children or unborn babies.

The New York congressgeek has called on the Nixon regime to immediately cancel further exports of these herbicides to governments which practice racial separatism.

Zodiac

The Washington Post reports that Roy L. Ash, the Litton Industries executive selected by Pres Nix to head the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) was involved in an attempted \$43 million swindle of Air Force funds in the early 1950's.

The Post reports that it obtained information on Ash from hundreds of pages of documents, transcripts, accounting records and depositions which were taken during a legal suit in 1959. At the time of the swindle in 1951, Ash was employed by the Hughes Aircraft Company. Depositions taken in the 1959 suit involving Ash, Litton Industries and Noah Dietrick of the Hughes Company revealed the following facts:

- * While Ash was in control of the Accounting division of Hughes Aircraft, the Accounting Department was deliberately submitting false reports to the Air Force, claiming that the company was using up its inventories of aircraft parts.

- * As a result of these reports, the Air Force paid many millions of extra dollars to the Hughes Company under the impression that Hughes was using excess materials and was not making its guaranteed ten percent profit.

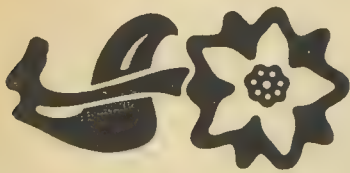
- * When a team of 7 Hughes accountants and an independent auditing firm both complained to Ash and his superiors about possible fraud, the complaints were ignored. The seven accountants under Ash then quit en masse in order to "save their professional reputations."

- * Air Force accountants learned of the false reports in early 1952, and Ash and his superior quit the Hughes Company. Independent auditors then checked the inventories, determined that the Air Force had overpaid the Hughes Company, and Hughes repaid a total of \$43.4 million to the Air Force for the overpayments collected by Ash.

If Roy Ash is confirmed as the head of the OMB, he will supervise the awarding of million-dollar military contracts with private companies — including Hughes Aircraft and Litton Industries.

Zodiac

Somewhere Over The Rainbow



GUITAR ARMY, by John Sinclair, Douglas Books, distributed by World Publishing, 364pp., \$3.95

Reviewed by ALLEN YOUNG

John Sinclair is probably best known for receiving a sentence of 9½ to 10 years in jail for taking two joints from an undercover narc. In fact, he served 29 months of this sentence, and was released from prison on Dec. 13, 1971, just three days after 15,000 people gathered in Ann Arbor for a big "Free John!" rally, complete with a number of musical and movement personalities (topped by John Lennon).

But John Sinclair is a lot more than an unlucky pothead. In fact, if he weren't a mid-westerner committed to holding on to his firm roots in Michigan's youth community, he'd probably be as well-known across the nation as Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman. Like that more famous pair, though with many differences in style and content — Sinclair has attempted to develop a cultural-revolutionary ideology to bring together the worlds of rock and roll music, dope, free love, and the sweeping social and economic changes that anarchists and socialists talk about. Put more crudely, he and his followers — first known as Trans-Love Energies, then the White Panther Party, now the Rainbow People's Party — would like to turn hippies into *self-conscious* revolutionaries ready to do battle against "honky Amerika" and the "death culture."

Guitar Army is a collection of John Sinclair's writings; in this very pretty book (designed by Gary Grimshaw with lots of color, lots of pictures), Sinclair's Maoist/freak ideology is fully developed.

I use the word "ideology" intentionally, for Sinclair is a poet, perhaps a would-be soldier, not an intellectual. To their credit, Sinclair and the "Rainbow People" have become involved in various community projects in Ann Arbor, and their commitment to communal living is made real in their turned-on, well-organized and attractive home at 1520 Hill Street.

If you are interested in the political and cultural meanings of rock and roll, marijuana and LSD, and the birth (and death?) of the hippie, then you should read Guitar Army.

Also, if you have any feeling for thinking about our era as a unique *historical* period, Sinclair has a number of valuable insights to offer. For example, he discusses in some detail the role of the music of black people as a crucial element in the white youth rebellion and ultimately the entire nation's consciousness about racism. (He isn't as explicit as he might be about the extent to which white America has ripped off black culture.) In a list of "people martyrs" in the dedication, he includes Sandy Garland, Scott Kabran, Greg Walls, and Tony Brown. If, like me, you can't remember who these four people are and why they died, go get a copy of Guitar Army and read the chapter entitled "Massacre at Stonehead Manor." Hint: Sandy Garland's father shot all four.)

None of us likes labels, but if you are like me and relate positively to the term "freak" (Sinclair spells it "freek" to play on the word "free"), then much of this book will be relevant to your life. At the very least, John Sinclair affirms our creativity and life force — much of it an exciting sensual experience emerging from music, dope and sex — and he effectively rebuts the up-tight "Marxist-Leninists" who dismiss the whole "hippie" phenomenon with the epithets hedonistic/bourgeois/escapist (the same epithets, by the way, that the same politicoes use against gay people.)

I can't really get into Sinclair's trip, however. The symbol of Sinclair's "rainbow nation" (really just a new, improved term for Woodstock Nation) includes an electric guitar, a hash pipe and a rifle. The

part of that symbol least explained or explored by Sinclair is the gun. He writes, "If we aren't prepared for the violence the 'Corporate State' is ready to marshall against us, we simply will not survive." This sounds sensible enough, but I still wonder whether any of us who have chanted that slogan "pick up the gun!" really can imagine ourselves in such a military situation.

Sinclair, who used to play the saxophone (hopefully he still plays it), and who used to write jazz reviews for several publications, shows an incredible knowledge about music, especially the history and development of rock and roll and jazz. The problem is that all this knowledge leads to a "party line" on music. "High-energy music" is good; it belongs to the people (even if those who make it have accepted the values of capitalist America). "Low-energy music" is not good; it belongs to the "death culture" and is never played at 1520 Hill Street.

The Rolling Stones, Little Richard, Archie Shepp and the Up Rock and Roll Band (the Rainbow People's Party own musicians) all make "high-energy music."

"Low-energy music" includes many things, from Baez to Bach. Sinclair argues that this music is a trick of the ruling class; the purpose of such soothing tunes is to calm the rebellious youth.

To me, the Rainbow approach to music brings back memories of Stalin's cultural commissars. Frankly, I would trust the human values of Judy Collins, Joan Baez, Laura Nyro, Carol King and Arlo Guthrie more than the obvious egotism of a Mick Jagger or a Little Richard.

For Sinclair, high-energy rock and roll is the core of the revolution. It is "the energy source that moves the rainbow people and makes them glow and vibrate with new life here on this old planet . . . There's no way really for me to describe or do justice to the impact of rock and roll music on the West, except to say that it made all the difference in the world. . . . It was an outlaw world right from the beginning. . . ."

A couple of years ago, when John Sinclair was still in jail, a well-known New York feminist said that as far as she was concerned, that was just as well. This is certainly an extreme position, unkind if not cruel, even if it was meant in jest. I hope it is possible to defend a feminist perspective without suggesting that macho heavies belong behind bars. I mention this just to point out that there is something about John Sinclair that offends the feminist sensibility, and I think I can begin to understand why. Guitar Army is a very masculine book, and nowhere is that more apparent than in the discussions about music.

Around the same time that the Rolling Stones made a triumphant tour of the US, with articles about them in many underground papers, the New York feminist paper Rat published an article about "cock rock." It was an attack on precisely what John Sinclair calls "high-energy music." Aside from exposing the blatantly sexist lyrics of much of this music, the writer suggested that its entire musical approach was designed to act out aggressive male sexual fantasies. Rat didn't have much of a circulation, but that term "cock rock" has become rather well known, so there must be something to it.

Now, there's something interesting about the so-called "low-energy" music. First, much of it is made by women. Second, much of it has to do with feeling and emotions, or the complexities of relationships. I know of several situations where women and/or gay men have had to fight with straight men about the kind of music that was to be played. Guess who favored the "low-energy" music.

Personally, I don't want a party line on music, be it a rainbow people's line or a feminist line. High-energy music makes me want to dance or clap my hands. I wish some of the lyrics weren't so sexist, but I crave the beat and so do most of the people, male and female, who I know. Such music is moving, in a very physical sense. Quiet music can be moving too. It helps me to be pensive or melancholy or nostalgic, and that kind of inner motion (emotion) is something I cherish, too.

Somewhere in Guitar Army, Sinclair recommends the combination of music, dope and sex, and I certainly wouldn't disagree with that. Since both Sinclair and the feminists opposed to cock rock agree that high-energy rock and roll is akin to the act of fucking, I'd like to offer this comment from my perspective of someone who participates in that act from both ends: if Sinclair tried getting fucked, instead of just fucking, he might understand that there are times when the pile-driver kind of music isn't the best thing.

John Sinclair and I were born in the same year (1941), and we were both teen-agers in junior high school and high school when we first heard rock and roll. John Sinclair's view of 1950s teenage life is very different from mine, however. He writes: "These dudes [Chuck Berry, Little Richard, etc.] opened their mouths to sing and a whole new race of mutants leaped out dancing and screaming into the future, driving fast cars and drinking beer and bouncing around half-naked in the back seats. . . ." I saw the same things, perhaps, but I found it totally intimidating. I was, after all, only a fairy. Happily for me, feminist and gay writings I've read testify to the fact that I wasn't the only intimidated one. (There's still a lot of beer-drinking macho drivers going around in fast cars these days, and the resulting violence and death on the highways is a little-publicized aspect of sexism in modern America.)

I know that Sinclair and the rainbow people would like to deal with sexism. At the urging of several sisters, Sinclair eliminated some "sexist language that was characteristic of much of my language at that time," though I wish he'd left it in while expressing his new consciousness in a footnote. I think people need to know what kind of changes we have been going through: I can remember vividly a pair of anti-women, anti-gay phrases from a 1968 White Panther document: "Fuck God in the ass! . . . Fuck your woman till she can't stand up! . . ." Even back then, a woman typing up stencils at the Liberation News Service office cut out the sentences because they were so offensive, touching off a whole discussion about sexism, censorship and revolutionary journalism.

Guitar Army includes an article in which Sinclair writes about his relationship with his wife/partner Leni, and he indicates a recently-acquired respect for the labor of child-rearing and housekeeping. There are a few token references to homosexuals as a part of rainbow nation — though while citing rainbow gurus, Allen Ginsberg and William Burroughs, he fails to mention the gayness that is so essential to their being.

I wish there was more in the book about the inhabitants of 1520 Hill, and the complexities, including the emotional ones, of their lives together. It's easy for John Sinclair to see how capitalism eats away at the rainbow dream (the hip capitalist); it's harder for him to see what sexism does to it (the macho freak).

I hope that the women and the gay people who are close to John Sinclair will have an opportunity to express their perspective on "rainbow culture" as it relates to feminism and gay liberation, for it is my feeling that the positive ideas and growth embodied in John Sinclair and his work — and I do not mean to belittle his efforts and his sincerity or the time spent behind bars — require a merging with gay/feminist consciousness to strengthen and preserve them.



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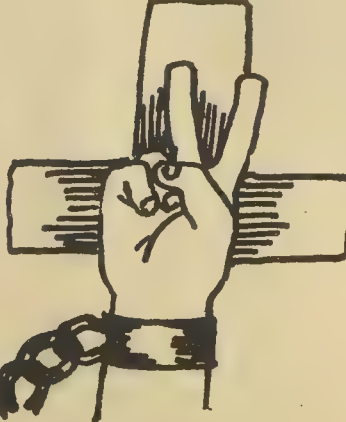
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Who Goes There?

Is there a satellite orbiting the earth, launched by a distant civilization 13,000 years ago? Is that satellite trying to communicate with human civilization?

These mind boggling questions are being discussed by a group of British astronomers in London at a meeting at the British Interplanetary Society Offices. The featured speaker will be Dr. Duncan Lunan, an astronomer from Scotland.

Dr. Lunan has suggested that a satellite, launched by an intelligent civilization about 100 light years from earth, might presently be orbiting the earth in the vicinity of the moon. Lunan came up with the theory after examining a strange phenomenon known as "radio bounce."

Radio bounce is a mystery that has puzzled amateur radio broadcasters since the 1930's. Over the past four decades, various radio operators have reported that they will sometimes hear an echo of their own signal — anywhere from two to 15 seconds after they transmit it. What causes this strange echo or bounce — and why the return time varies anywhere from two to 15 seconds — has long puzzled scientists. And this is where astronomer Lunan comes in.

Dr. Lunan has analyzed records of these radio bounces and he believes that he has discovered an intelligent pattern to them. Lunan believes that he has now decoded a message in the bounces — and has found them to be highly accurate maps of star constellations.

It is the Scottish astronomer's theory that a satellite presently circling the earth could be broadcasting back our own radio signals in a certain pattern to indicate that intelligent life does — or at least did — exist in the universe.

Radio station KGB in San Diego interviewed Dr. Lunan in Scotland recently and reports that Lunan has decoded other messages. He believes

that the radio bounce messages indicate that the home sun of this civilization is Epsilon Bootes, located over 100 light years from earth. According to his calculations, it would have taken this satellite 13,000 years to travel from its native home to the vicinity of the earth. Lunan believes that the satellite has been in a parking orbit near the earth for the past 40 years.

From the maps he has translated, Lunan believes that the civilization which sent the satellite originally lived on a planet which was relatively close to its own sun, Epsilon Bootes. However, as their sun began to expand, the residents were forced to move to the outer planets of the system.

Lunan's theories are as yet just theories. His most up-to-date calculations will be turned over to the British Interplanetary Society, and if his calculations are as impressive as many leading scientists believe they are, then the British Society will undertake a radio telescope project to actually look for the satellite.

—Zodiac

If you're interested in the possibilities of intelligent life in the universe, you should pick up on a book by Carl Sagan and Andrei Shklovskii called (surprise) *Intelligent Life in the Universe*. It's in paperback for about \$3.00, but I don't remember the publisher and made the mistake of loaning out my copy, but it's available at Kroch's \$ Brentanos in the Loop. This is the best book on the subject that I've seen. It gets a bit technical in parts, but its worth the effort. As well as examining the scientific reasons why there very probably is intelligent life somewhere out there, it's a good introduction to astronomy, and an excellent antidote to the garbage that people like von Danikin are putting out.

—dick

An Alien Heat: Michael Moorcock, Harper and Row, \$4.95

If the nature of time itself is cyclical, and the dividing line between "in the future" and "in the past" was a terrible cataclysm, would your faith in god be shaken or strengthened?

What if "art" and "science" merged as the future progressed? What if "real" and "surreal" became one and the same? How would you feel (not "what would you do?") if you could turn your furthest reaching fantasy into reality? How would you operate in your society if everyone could manufacture mass-realities?

Michael Moorcock, a brilliant British demi-philosopher who markets his works under the thin disguise of science fiction, comes to grips with these issues in An Alien Heat, the first volume of a trilogy entitled "Dancers at the End of Time."

Being the end of time (by definition), the folks have grown bored with the norms of life. Having developed the ability to turn fantasies directly into reality, death no longer exists — if you die, you or someone else can manufacture yourself all over again. You can change your environment in any way you desire, so long as somebody else isn't aesthetically offended and decides to change your creation into something else. You can even change your sex any way convenience or desire dictates.

Question: What do you do for kicks? If society is built on impressing your peers, how do you prevent getting jaded?

Jherik Carnelian, the "hero" of An Alien Heat, finds himself trapped in this bind. People already regard him as something special, as he is one of the few who were naturally born of woman (woman at the time, at least) instead of deluded into reality.

One of the games in Wouge at this particular time in future-history is the collecting of peculiar beings — alien, ancient and future — into open menageries: sort of the ultimate conclusion of radical chic.

When someone procures a woman from Victorian England as a living object in his menagerie, Jherik decides he shall Truly Fall in Love with her — and so he does. In reality. Head over heels.

When she is snatched back into her own time, Jherik, man from the end of the future, travels back to 19th century England; back in time where whim is no longer truth.

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The most involving aspect of this series is the perceptions of the past from the vast future:

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—from An Alien Heat

Moorcock is a very encompassing writer — after reading the few books published in this country, one is highly motivated to procure any and every word that ever came from his typewriter.

It is unfortunate the most readily available writing is Moorcock's sword and sorcery material — dark, pessimistic and foreboding, highly enjoyable to dark, pessimistic and foreboding people like yours truly and nearly all of my closest friends.

The first novel in Moorcock's fantastic Jerry Cornelius series, The Final Programme, is being made into a movie starring Jon Finch (Macbeth in the Polanski version) as Cornelius. Moorcock himself is writing the screenplay. The second in the Cornelius series, A Cure For Cancer, was released in hardcover and, believe it or not, is available at the Chicago Public Library. The third novel, The English Assassin, was recently released in England and, if An Alien Heat does well, it should be released here soon.

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Anarchist Women's Group forming — We are thinking of forming an anarchist women's group. We are anti-authoritarian feminists interested in a rap or study group — or just in meeting other anarchist women in Chicago area. Contat: Siren, 713 W Armitage Ave, Chicago Ill 60614. Leave your name, phone no. or where we can reach you.

Ron Kaufman: 2jdi9 oih9Bjehljs829874jamZCT90

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Gary Fern formerly of 1251 W Columbia Ave or Ken Heid Kamp formerly from 1411 W Albion, could you please get in touch with me. Any information would be appreciated. An ole lost friend. Mary Fleischmann, 2430 A North Bosman, Milwaukee, Wisc, 53212.

Jesus died for his sins.

HELP WANTED: There are lotsof people who just need someone to talk to, a friend or person who can care or help out in time of need. There are institutions with directors, presidents, administrators and bullshit like that, trying to be a hotline. We of Kool-Aide are a collective—no authorities, power-trips, or bureaucracies, and we would like you to come and experience our unique organization. There are no requirements except that you are interested in helping others. Please call us. . . we need you—Kool-Aide, 664-0505

Seances — come alone, with a group, bring a spirit, find a ghost. 281-1614, 281-0673.

COUNTRY PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP: is a good place to learn photography. We have six-day courses for beginners and advanced people, and one-month Independent Study Workshops. David Vestal, Art Sinsabaugh, Marie Czach, Ralph Hattersly, Charles Harbutt, Jim Alinder, Ruth Bernard, John Schulze, Garry Winograd and Barbara Crane will be here for six days during each during the summer. Write ofr information: Country Photography Workshop, Box 83S, Woodman, Wi, 53827

The Wizard of Oz is a dirty old man.

For information or help with your pregnancy problem call HO5-5726 — SPUN — Society for the Protection of the Unborn thru Nutrition.

Anyone interested in creating an underground paper pelase contact Paul Malcolm, 340 Brunswick Ave, Toronto 179, Ont, Canada.

Let's establish meetings to discuss proper foods, vegetarianism, environment, childbirth, child-feeding, pregnancy, etc, and organize a help service for those in need. Call Nate HO5-5726 to set up first meeting.

Smash Amerikal

Worried, Uptight, angry withdrawn, isolated, feeling "crazy", lonely — our thing is helping people cope! Sedgwick Mental Health Program, 1900 N Sedgewick, 642-3531.

We gotta get out of this place. . . .

The Night of the Orphic Mysteries
A drama of Crocadillian Depravity
Coming soon Soon coming
with

The Music fo John Bull; My lady's Blessing: ½
The Lights of the Blessed Realm;

Wanted

WANTED: People to work on the Seed. Long hours, miserable pay, rotten working conditions. See page 2, this issue.

Attention women: We need you at our dance class on Tuesday nights.. Group of women trying to form a chorus line [?] — if we can get it together we can perhaps perform for the USO[????] or other organization. No profits but lots of fun. Please come, its Free! Clarendon Park Field House, 4501 N Clarendon Tuesday nights at 7pm.

Physician: The Cumberland mountains are beautiful. A good life can be had there. Come help set up a group (of at least 3) practice where work and play will become one. Adequate free time for farming, crafts and keeping head together.

Needed: Poetry for Troglodyte Literary Review soon to appear. Troglodyte, P. Claudius Latimer, ed., 5465 S Everett Ave No 306m Chicago Ill 60615. Please include a self-addressed envelope.

STOREHOUSE Craft and Art Co-op, 685½ Wrightwood needs your art, craftwork and co-opertion. Call 338-4160 but better yet, come by.

Brother looking for movement literature, back issues of Seed or other underground papers, pamphlets, books, etc for Movement library. All donations would be very much appreciated. New Earth Library, 819 S State, Ann Arbor, Mich, 48104. Can cover postage, and perhaps a little more if necessary.

Musicians

Musicians! Who needs a very together lead singer? I'm into Hard Rock, R&B, Blues, but can also handle others. I've got my shit together, do you. Call Sylvester George Quast, 262-6020, keep trying!

Sale — Trade

1 Slingerland flitom w/legs, 16x18, laquer finish, \$257?? or trade for used 18" crash cymbal. Barry 248-1542.

Waterbed — kingsize, like new, on pedestal, with bolted frame, liner, foam rubber sheet, padded sides, covered with white vynil.. Valued new at over \$200, now only \$100, call 472-4644, Bill

Uneeda a unique handmade wooden smoking utensil. Send only 50 cents to: earth Utensils, PO Box 20915, Phila, Pa 19141. Enclose this ad with four 5 cent stamps and you'll receive a free rolling stone publication.

For sale: '68 bug, ex ec cond., lk nu trs., extras, \$735. Must Sell, 561-4177

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YOU, yes you, can become one of the select thousands whose ads appear in this paper every year! Simply print your message on a piece of paper (any kind will do), drop it in an envelope, stick on a stamp, and mail it in to= the SEED, 950 West Wrightwood, Chicago Illinois, 60614. Enclose money if you have any to spare. Actually, you might be better of NOT putting an ad in the SEED. You'll probably have better luck selling or buying something if you put an ad in the Reader, or one of the Lerner papers, or the dailies, same goes for finding apartments, though if you're looking for roommates as wierd as yourself, stick with us. We specialize in wierd classifieds. Not too wierd, though. We still don't take meatmarket sex ads or obvious ripoffs. If you want to avoid those geeks who call you up at 4am and breathe at you, we can give you a box number. Then they'll write to you.

Shelter

Our 2 bedroom apartment in Wheeling is too big and expensive. We are looking ro a woman who would like a communal situation with a young couple. 541-7476.

Roommate wanted: female only. Share with 2 other women. Desire someone who is dependable (like to pay the rent each month wad with a warm personality) This is a beautiful 8 room apartment in New Town area. Own room (lots of sunshine), \$60 month plus utilities. Immediate occupancy. 472-9322 evenings and weekends.

I'm a 26 year old man from Turkey wishing to share an apartment with young maericans to improve my knowledge of english. Near north, call 528-5551, 9am 3pm

Woman, 22, with 4 year old son, would like to share apartment or house with same, or person interested in children. (will also consider male parent). Seeking family atmosphere with person interested in the Women's Movement and Natural Hygene, and especially a mentally supportive environment. Please write Rita/CO Seed,

Wanted, straight female roommate who wants to look for an apartment with me around Belmont Harbor area.. April 1st. Days 372-5642 Ext 296, Weekends 287 327-1969.

Roomates wanted: 2 movement people, couples preferred, for delux spacious south shore apartment. \$60 per

We are a music playing couple (man and woman trying to make music) looking for a commune, house, or apartment where we can live and are share rent. If you can help or are interested, call 427-2930 between 9 and 5, ask for Mari.

Gigs & Services

9am to 9pm daily. Men and women to deliver car for dealers and auto acutions. Advance Car Hikers, 1412 W Lunt, call 465-1032

Matal Horoscopes: send name and address, full date of birth, place of birth, exact time of birth and \$25 to Carolyn Peragrín, 7001 W. Tapps Highway, Sumner, Washington 98390. Horoscopes will be received by mail within three weeks and include 15 - 20 typewritten pages of interpretation and a copy of one's individual horoscope chart.

Farout paintings, drawings, posters and all that kind of shit made to order. All pictures 2 bucks a piece. Will take straight cold cash. Write to: Toenail, c/o P. Spreenberg 16W070 Birchwood Rd Hinsdale, Ill, 60521

22 year old straight black male, psychology major, desires employment in small establishment, bookstore, occult shop, curio shop, etc...where hours are late evening. low salary. Call GR2 1768 late evening or early afternoon Sunday.

Creative, hardworking person will do any type of work in book store, record, or art store, boutique or head shop. in Evanston, Rogers Park, or New Town. Call 743-2521.

22 year old male freak who is about to be laid off seeks gainful employment (if there is such a thing) Call Bob 763-8057 afternoons



The Book of THE UNITED STATES

That sloppy looking chart at the top of the page is the long-awaited drug analysis report that we stole from Alternatives.

It's not representative of the real patterns of drug use in the city, as most of the samples came from the north of Chicago and the north suburbs. Methaqualone and heroin, probably the two most widely used drugs in the city, only have one sample each. That's logical. No smack freak is going to waste a hit just to have it analyzed, and the sopor freaks don't seem to give a shit what they swallow. Anyway, methaqualone is rarely produced by the underground chemists, and the pharmaceutical companies make their products easily recognizable.

Predictably, there was no real THC on the streets. Every once in a while we hear about a fabulous stash of "real THC" coming into Chicago. Bullshit. Real THC is fabulous all right, fabulously expensive and complicated to make. Except for a very tiny amount ripped off from government research facilities, "real" THC has NEVER been on the streets. Any dealer who offers you the "real stuff" is either a ripoff or a fool.

PCP. This stuff costs \$7.00 a POUND at veterinary supply houses. By the time you get it it's damn near as expensive as cocaine and just about as bad for you. Worse even. PCP will literally rot your brain, take enough of it an you'll be a vegetable unless you're lucky and die. There's a lot less PCP around than there was a year ago. This is probably due the the increased use of methaqualone, and that's no improvement. That's like trading suicide for the death penalty.

No Mescaline, no psilocibin. These two drugs are complicated and expensive to sythesize, so most underground chemists don't see any profit in making it. They make a lot more money producing acid and passing it off as mesc and psilocibin. Don't look for them in organic form either. The plants they come from are relatively rare and very bulky to ship.

Lots of LSD, some of it's even good LSD. But be careful of acid these days. A lot of it is poorly manufactured and contaminated with a lot of garbage of all sorts. The days of Owsley are no longer with us. (Sob) The person(s) who put out the acid mixed with STP should be retrocactively aborted. That is a murderous combination, a guaranteed bum-mer. What's really bad about that combination is that Thorazine, commonly used to bring people down from bad LSD trips, does nothing but increase an STP bum-mer and throw in a lot of physical complications as well. Another reason to get your stash analyzed before you take it.

The MDA was a surprise. This drug is rare and relatively unknown to most people. This is definitely my favorite drug. It's not like LSD or mes- caline at all. Very few, if any, hallucinations or heavy visuals, just a long love trip. Me and most of the Yippie contingent went through the 1969 Morator- ium in Washington on MDA, and it was the only time I ever grooved on tear gas.

Enough pro-dope propaganda. Unknowns and Others. I really wish those 6 Unknowns that turned out to be Others could have been identified. I'm real- ly curious about them. Could they be moon rocks, or some brand new, super dynamite drug some crazed chemist discovered? I guess we'll never know. And an Other turned out to be an Other. ???

There doesn't seem to be much speed around anymore. I guess the government crackdown on it worked better than anyone expected. (Why doesn't the crackdown work on Heroin? It's too profitable.)

There's a vast amount of grass around town, and most of it is good, and some of it is very good, and some of that is fantastically good. I haven't heard any rumors about a shortage this summer, which may be a good sign. For the past few years the com- ing of spring also brought rumors of a grass shortage for the summer. I think these rumors caused any shortages. People would buy more grass and hoard it, and they were willing to pay more for it, expecting the prices to be even higher later on. With everyone hoarding their stashes, what grass was on the market was priced very high. Dealers would bring in third- rate domestic, stuff they couldn't give away in good times, and sell it at inflated prices. The free market system in action.

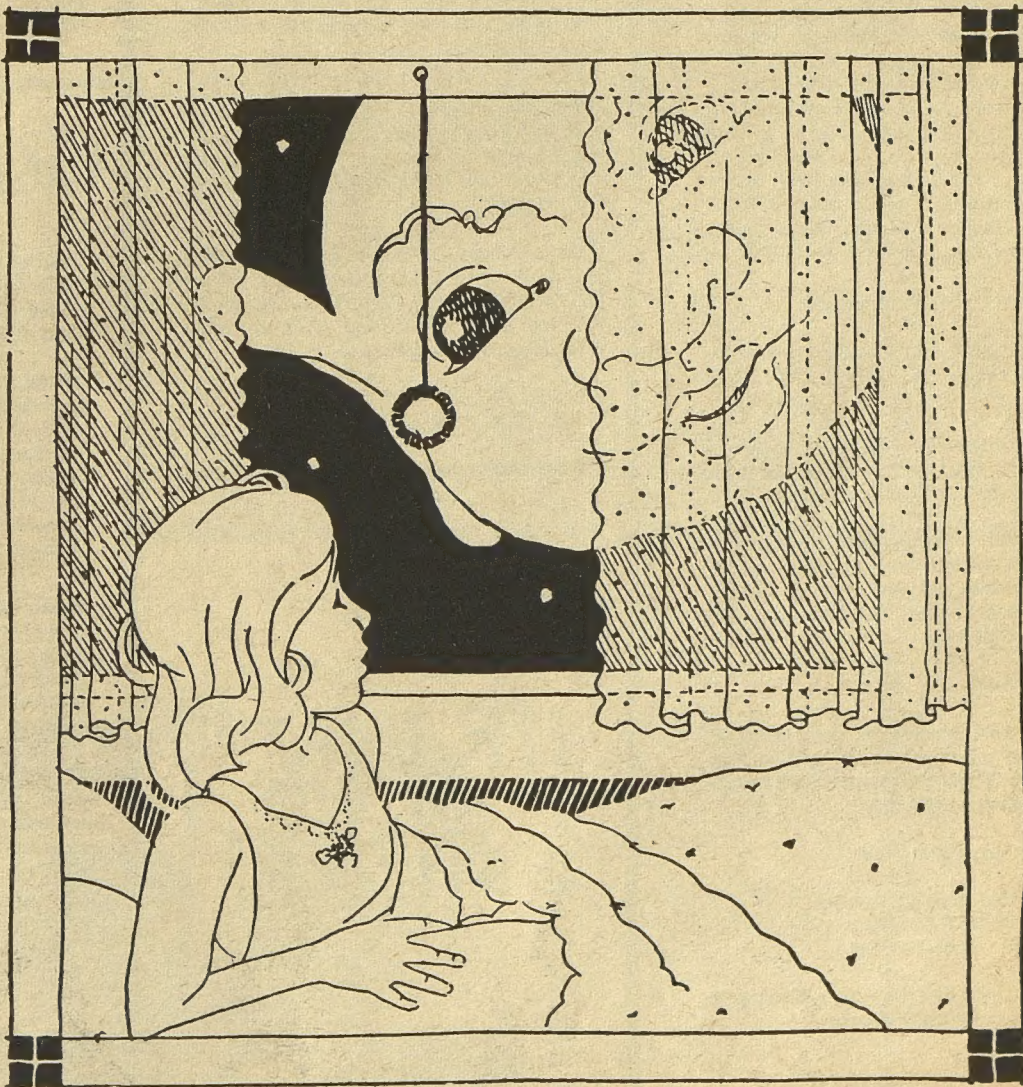
So, no rumors of shortages this summer, OK? ANd while were're at it, lets repeal the law of supply and demand.

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HEROIN													1				1
COCAINE	2													1			3
MESCALINE		1	19		1		1		6	3					1		32
MARIJUANA *						8											8
BARBITURATE							2							3			5
METHAQUALONE								1									1
T.H.C.	1	12									1			2		1	17
M.D.A.												8					8
PSYLOCIBIN				1												1	2
P.C.P.	1	7	1														9
L.S.D.			23	1			2		2	3				1	2		34
UNKNOWN			2	2			2			2		2		6	3	2	21
OTHER											1			1	1		3
TOTALS	4	20	46	9	1	8	10	1	8	8	2	10	1	15	9	5	

* HASHISH is listed with the marijuana samples

D O P E



Muzak Of The Spheres

This has been a good month for new albums from the established masters. For me, this month has been made more exciting since most of these folks have disappointed me in the past.

Pink Floyd, for example, is an unquestionably talented group of musicians. They think out their music in such a way as to create an entire environment for their listener. They transcend mere "space music" type production, attempting to build the perfect 1967-acid trip — peace/love/cosmos.

The trouble is, one can have their fill of bird calls and subtle sound effect gimmicks. I hate to cheapen their work with the word "gimmick" — but dig it, enough is enough.

Their new album, The Dark Side of the Moon, for some strange reason sounds like a breath of fresh wind. The production standards we have come to associate with their work are all still there (sans bird calls, thank Arioch), but the group has gone beyond the gimmicks and come up with a solid experience.

The most impressive improvement is in the lyrics — Bassist Roger Waters has come up with interlinked tales reminiscent of the early King Crimson records.

Fans of Pink Floyd — present and former — will thoroughly enjoy this record. Folks who are bored with the same old crap should check this one out.

Traffic came up with a winner last time around, The Low Spark of High-Heeled Boys pleasantly broke their string of losers. Their new record, Shoot Out at the Fantasy Factory, is very much an extension of Low Spark — even down to the six-sided record jacket. It could have been released as a two record set, but it would have diffused the listener's attention and cheapened the overall quality.

Shoot Out consists of five cuts — each long, flowing jams with minimal lyrical interruption. The musicianship is up to the high levels previously set by Steve Winwood, Jim Capaldi, Chris Wood, Rebop Kwaku Baah and friends.

This record is like a fine peice of glass, polished until it shines. Little more needs to be said.

Another old group has released their first album this past month. That sounds confusing, right?

About five or six years ago, Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention released a record called Cruising with Ruben and the Jets. It was a nice satire of 1950's rock and 1950's rock culture, paving the way for dozens of rock'n'roll revivals featuring aged washed out former superslick superstars and for copycat opportunists like the occasionally amusing Sha Na Na.

It was a good idea. As simple as that. A concept album that made its point and entertained its listeners.

Last week, Mercury records released a record by Ruben and the Jets entitled For Real. For Real, for real.

For shit. Zappa produced this record, which is solidly six years behind the times. These folks — only one a former Mother (Jim Sherwood) — play it straight, like as if they happened to have slick sixteen track recording facilities in 1967.

For Real has its nice moments, for sure. (This is getting trite.) Their version of Dedicated to the One I Love opens up into a nice hard rocking electric jam; the vocals and guitar work is excellent, and so on.

Reuben and the Jets was not a group, it was a one-time concept. Playing it straight the second time around doesn't change that — Zappa should know better.

Not only that, but the lead singer's name, according to the jacket, is Ruben Guevara. Ruben Guevara, huh?

Barnaby records released a nice two volume set entitled The History of the Everly Brothers, which includes Bye Bye Love, Be-Bop-A-Lula, Wake up Little Susie, Bird Dog and All I Have to Do is Dream. I think the set is specially priced — if so, it is probably worth the loot it you're into the original Everly's.

If you don't think you would listen to the set enough to justify shelling out the loot (and I suspect there's a lot of folks like that), get together with a few friends, buy the record collectively and pass it around.

Everly Brothers as Treasure Chest comics sure beats Ruben Guevara as bad art.

Another History of. . . record out and about is called The History of the Grateful Dead and, unlike the Everly's record, this ain't no greatest hits selection.

Back in 1970, a label called Sunshine Records found some uncopy-righted tapes of very early Dead concerts — tapes too low quality to be sold to Warner Borthers, but too high-quality to be slipped to bootleggers. They re-

leased them as two records, Vintage Dead and Historic Dead, probably with the Dead's permission.

They were rather mediocre, suffering from a bad case of too-much-filler material. Nowadays, Pride records, a division of MGM nonsense, bought (or found) the rights and took the best of the two. The History of the Grateful Dead includes Dancing in the Street, Stealin', I Know You Rider, and an eighteen minute version of Midnight Hour.

Nice stuff for Dead freaks, made all the more valuable by the recent death of Pigen Ron McKernan. Non-Dead folks will probably be bored silly.

Finally, a disappointment. The lily-white FM 24-hour rockers rarely get around to playing Ike and Tina Turner records, being color-blind even when high energy hard rocking music comes up and bites their programming zombies in the ass.

Ike and Tina Turner have turned in some fine, fine material — both copped from other groups (their versions of Come Together and Get Back makes the Beatles collectively sound like they already broke up) and originally written by themselves for themselves.

However, their new record, Let Me Touch Your Mind, bites ass in another way. For no good reason, this album is a big yawn.

The feeling and (for lack of a better term) the vibes are all there — no doubt, that's Ike and Tina bouncing around you — but the material and the arrangements are strictly Same Old Shit. And that's too bad, 'cause Ike and Tina are vastly superior to all that.

The jacket is nice - better than the record inside of it. It's sort of one piece of cardboard, see, with lots of farout electrically inspired pictures and the like. Then its sort of folded up around the record, like those paper poppers you used to play with when you were in school (paper poppers, dig it? No double meaning from this camp, baby). Trouble is, a good jacket doesn't justify the loot.

Oh, yeah. . . In the two months since the last time this column was printed and right now, I really wanted to rap about Focus and Hawkwind, two groups with concept albums that really knock me out, but they have finally been getting some well deserved airplay and I ain't got the space (or energy) to review two more records. I choose the latest hits, folks. Focus is even getting AM airplay (Hocus-Pocus is the name of the single), Hawkwind is still played regularly on Triad and Radio Warp.

Speaking of Radio Warp — those are the folks who regularly get into Hawkwind, Traffic, Pink Floyd and other space music and little-heard involving rock — they are changing times. Now they start at 11:30 Monday through Wednesday, on WNIB, 97.1FM. Being a part of radio Warp, I can't go out and tell you its really the finest thing to ever hit Chicago radio ever since Triad went stereo or since Scorpio got fired, but that's what I think. End of egonomical plugola.

Them that got the loot are probably hip to the little record price war going on in the city — some places are down to \$3.29 for \$5.98 list records. This is nice, I suppose, BUT:

Its a master conspiracy, you see, by a bunch of fat middle aged BusinessMen who are building up small empires and chains, trying to boot each other off the block and squeeze the hippie stores out of business in the process. These guys (some of whom are syndicate-connected — which might not bother you if you're into certain heavy deathdrugs) are using every trick in the books, like selling promotion copies (which are given away for free by the record companies to radio stations and reviewers), selling hot-copies and even selling bullshit counterfeit pressings. Whereas this stuff looks like the real thing they're made from the record and not the master tapes. The quality is poorer, the pressings don't stand up as well and they get progressively poorer faster than the real thing.

Since the Good Guys (like Round Records, The Record Shack and Gramophone) have to be competitive in order to stay alive, they have dropped all their prices to rock-bottom low, and put most all new releases on special sale. They don't sell no bullshit dummie copies, neither. Records and music, like other cheap thrills, should be shared with friends, and when it comes down to trading money for music, bought from friends. Don't let no cigar-chomping beerbellied asshole sell you any jive.

To make a long moral short, don't buy records from some clown who, under different circumstances, you wouldn't buy dope from.

Mike Gold



King Arthur Puzzle—

Find Three Of Arthur's Knights; Two Kings Whom He Conquered, Queen Guinevere, Maury Red Squad, And Merlin the Narc. Now Find the Solidarity Bookshop At 713 West Armitage and Buy A Pile Of SEEDS To Sell On The Street.

By Helen Hudson

